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Commuters wanted as train guards

A RAIL company's plans to the duties of train guards was criticised by passengers and

unions last night. Great Eastern Railway is offering free travel plus a salary of £5.25 an hour to those willing to make announcements on platforms, check "slam doors" are closed, assist passengers and give a signal to the driver — before jumping in themselves. Then they would make any necessary onboard announcements.

The "commuter guards" will wear blue uniforms and peaked caps and be offered changing facilities.

Great Eastern, which runs services out of Liverpool Street in London — one of the busiest terminals in the country - to Essex and East Anglia, said it had launched its "mouldbreaking scheme" because a recent recruitment drive had failed to find enough part-time staff, making it difficult to run peak-time services.

Only 40 applicants had come forward, out of whom just three passed tests. One of those three then failed a

medical check. Mike Turner, the company's commercial director, saw a similar scheme in operation during a visit to Hong Kong and decided to launch the idea in Britain. "Most commuters prefer to relax, read the paper or sleep. Others use the journey as part of their working day, but there is no doubt this could be a lucrative way of spending the journey," he

A spokesman for the rail company said that anyone from a secretary to a managing director who travelled in to the capital from the east-coast towns of Harwich, Clacton and Walton-on-the-Naze could apply. If successful, the scheme could be extended to other parts of the company's

network. Would-be recruits will undergo a week's initial training, followed by three days "on the job" training, and will then be assessed.

Union leaders claimed. however, that the company's so-called "work-to-work" plan was aimed at cutting costs and said that passengers' safety would be put at risk by "wellintentioned amateurs running the service". The plans were dubbed "half-baked".

Besides their pay, the "com-muter guards" will receive free travel to their normal workplace - worth up to £3,500 a year from Harwich. They will be expected to work for half-an-hour before the train departs for its 90-minute journey, but will not collect fares or check tickets.

Unlike modern sliding-door trains, which can be run with only a driver, older "slamdoor" trains must have a guard. Great Eastern admits it has come close to cancelling rush-hour trains because of staffing difficulties.

After the equivalent of a week's training, given at



A Great Eastern guard at Liverpool Street

weekends and in the evenings. the new staff will be accompanied by a trained guard for three days before being allowed to work singlehanded.

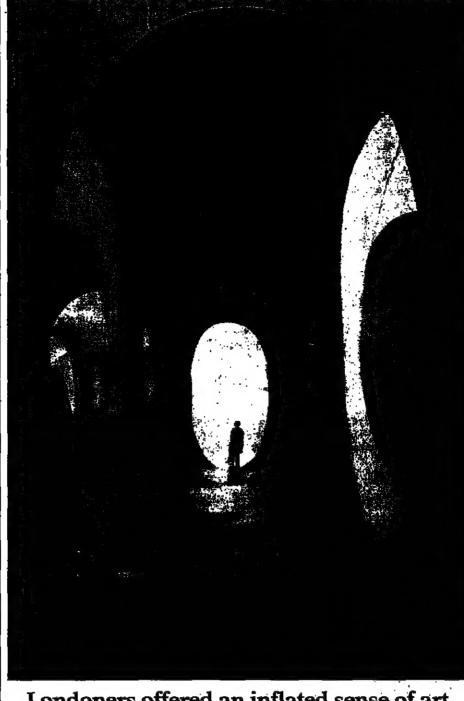
The 14 part-time "commuter guards" would staff fewer than ten trains a day travelling into Liverpool Street at peak-times.

They will face strict rules that prevent any trace of drugs or alcohol and will not be able to work more than 12 hours a day. Those working in full-time jobs are likely to be allowed to don their guard's jacket on only one journey a day. The Health and Safety Executive, which polices workplace safety, insisted the same training levels would have to be offered as would apply for a full-time guard.
There is no question that we would allow lesser standards

of training," it said. The RMT rail union, which represents most of the country's 6,000 guards, said they had to undergo six weeks training, including detailed knowledge of the track system. Guards' leaders said that such intimate knowledge of the system was essential in the

event of an accident. Jimmy Knapp, leader of the RMT, said: "A do-it-yourself railway is the most bizarre proposal I have come across in nearly 40 years involvement in the industry. There is more to being a guard than waving a flag and blowing a whistle.

"Anyone can do that, but the true test of a guard's calibre is when a train is derailed on a dark night and 600 passengers have to be guided on to the track without being in the way of another train. Rail-ways are remarkably safe when they are run properly but in the hands of the wrong people they are hugely dangerous."Lew Adams, gen-Continued on page 2, col 6

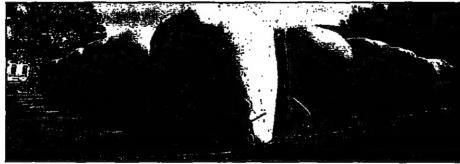


Londoners offered an inflated sense of art

coloured capes to explore a maze of tunnels so that they "could become part of the visual art".

BRITAIN'S biggest portable inflatable struc-ture opened in Shepherds Bush Green. London, yesterday. Visitors were invited to step inside, remove socks and shoes and put on The exhibit is open from 1pm to 8pm every day





Four killed in Inquiry launched minibus crash into CPS methods

a railway bridge. The minibus was from

£70m damages

A Texas jury ordered the Roman Catholic diocese of Dallas to pay £70 million in damages for ignoring a "mountain of evidence" and covering up the long-term sexual abuse of 11 altar boys by a priest. The damages should send a message to "the bishops that this kind of abuse must stop", a lawyerPage 15

Ben Hogan, who won nine major golf championships be-tween 1946 and 1953, died in

car crash in 1949 and was told he would never walk again, but he recovered to win the US Open the following Continued on page 2. col 5 | year_____

DAME BARBARA MILLS.

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

the Director of Public Prosecutions, last night set up an urgent inquiry into the way the Crown Prosecution Service makes decisions in the most serious cases in which no charges are brought. The most far-reaching in-

quiry in the service's 14-year history will in particular study the handling of two deaths in police custody. This decision is as a result of the High Court quashing CPS decisions not to bring manslaughter charges against the police officers involved in the two separate cases.

Dame Barbara acted after 24 hours in which her resignation was called for along with a full inquiry into how the decision not to prosecute the officers was reached. The inquiry will focus on the CPS's central London division, which deals with the more serious cases from all over the country, but may later be extended to other divisions.

Earlier this week Dame Barbara agreed in the High Court to reconsider decisions not to prosecute officers involved in the deaths of Shiji Lapite in Stoke Newington and of Richard O'Brien in Walworth, south London. In Pages 23, 48 | both cases the decision not to

prosecute was taken by Robert Munday, a principal Crown prosecutor, and was approved senior officials, including Dame Barbara.

The new inquiry will also look at the circumstances in which material, including affidavits and disclosed documents which showed inconsistencies, was prepared for the High Court.

A High Court judge yesterday reserved judgment in a third challenge to a decision not to prosecute policemen, this time over the torture of a suspect who survived. In this case, the court was told, Derek Treadaway, a robbery sus-pect, was "suffocated to uncon-sciousness" by members of the West Midlands Serious Crime Squad in 1982.

Deborah Coles, director of the pressure group inquest, which monitors deaths in police custody, said yesterday that Dame Barbara's position was now "untenable". She told BBC Radio 4's The World at One: "We have to question whether or not she can carry on as the director. Certainly the two cases [O'Brien and Lapitel over the last couple of days have revealed apparent conflicts between the case notes in these cases and the

affidavit of the director."

Academic who used expenses for museum trips is jailed

EDUCATION official responsible for setting history exams for thousands of Welsh school pupils was jailed yes-terday for fiddling more than £21,000 in travel expenses.

Dr William Lambert, 53, earned £50,000 a year and was described as a distinguished academic claimed nearly 400 first class rail fares to London on the pretext of attending education meetings.

Instead he spent the time in art galleres and museums. Lambert, deputy chief exec-utive of the Welsh Joint Education Committee, was jailed for four months at Cardiff Crown pourt after admitting the 298 charges of false

Janet MacDonald prose-cuting told how Lambert claimed expenses to London from Cardiff. He had began his job at the WAEC offices in Cardiff, in September 1988. In January 1990 he began sub-mitting false claims, begin-ning with a F7.70 tays fare and rising to a EII3.20 train ticket.

She said: "Lambert arrived. at meetings but decided they. were of no interest and spent his time elsewhere. As he got away with it he began inventing meetings."

The court was told liber Lambert had a PhD in history from Swansea and had dec-tured at Oxford. He had honours degrees from other

Simon Mumford, defending, said: "He is a respected: and erudite academic and is highly thought of throughout the country. He would lose the will to function without his academic pursuits.

"There were no furtive af-



Lambert Lived in his own donnish world

fairs, gainbling, alcohol or drug-taking involved. He spent his time in places such as the Tate gallery and the Natural History Museum. "Dr Laribert is almost un-worldly in the naivety of his outlook. He is a downish intellectual and he has been cocooned in academia for most of his adult life. The man has lived in his own world and his only contact has been with other stademics.

Lambert, of Cyncoed, Car-diff, pleaded guilty to nine charges of false accounting and asked for 289 others to be taken into consideration. He has repaid £7,667. He was sacked eight months ago.

Judge Michael Gibbon said: "It was thoroughly dishones conduct and you were motivat-ed by greed. You have lost your reputation and you are going to jail. The clarg of the prison gates is what everyone in your position must realise is what they will hear."
Mr Mumford said: "Since

losing his job he has been living off the largesse of his wife. She is a former teacher but has not worked for many

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England struggle Matthew Elliott and Ricky Ponting put Australia in com-mand of the fourth Test. At the close they were 258-4 in reply to England's 172Page 48

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Motorists to pay for London mayor

BY NICHOLAS WOOD

LONDON'S first directly-elected mayor will be allowed to raise money from motorists through increased car parking costs, fines and charges for using busy roads, the Government will disclose next week. The mayor - a chief execu-

tive for the capital with a

budget of around £4 billion -

will not be allowed to raise council tax bills. But Tuesday's government Green Paper detailing pro-posed reforms to the capital's administration will give limited revenue-raising powers to

the mayor and a parallel elected assembly of up to 32 councillors. If the new system, planned to come into effect in 2000, proves a success, other big cities may also be allowed to

elect a mayor. As well as taxing motorists, the capital's new boss will also be able to alter spending priorities within his budget. The assembly will have the right to examine the mayor's

budget decisions, planning

proposals, and awards of contracts and jobs and amend or veto those it does not like. Responsibility for spending on London's police. fire and public transport services will switch from Whitehall departments to the new mayor.

Ministers want the mayor kept under tight supervision to minimise the risk of corruption scandals, as have dogged city hall bosses in the United States and France. Most of the extra cash

raised would be ploughed back into making good the £1.5 billion backlog of repairs and investment in the London Underground. The Transport Department is already examining propos-als to charge motorists £400 a year to drive into London. Residents of the capital would have to pay an extra £100 a

Business leaders are backing moves to levy new charges on motorists. Proposals to be submitted to ministers next week will suggest that £300 million a year could be raised to improve public transport if tougher penalties were imposed on motorists and addi-

year to keep a car on London

businesses. London First, representing more than 200 businesses, including leading banks and retailers, is calling for a £2 charge for cars driven into central London, a El,000 annual mx on the 50,000 company parking spaces and a

tional charges were levied on

Four people were killed and ten injured yesterday when their minibus overturned after crashing into the wreck-age of a lorry that had just hit

social services day centre at Whitwell in north Derby-shire. Three of the victims were members of staff, the other was a young adult, All the passengers were wearing scatbelts.

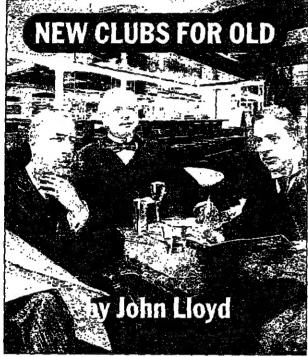
Ben Hogan dies

Fort Worth after being admitted to hospital with bronchitis. He was 84. Hogan suffered a near-fatal



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Young are committing 13 crimes each minute

Richard Ford on a problem costing

the nation up to £10 billion a year

THIRTEEN crimes à minute are carried out by young offenders every day at a cost to victims and the Government of between £5 billion and £10 billion a year, a senior police officer said yesterday. But only 3 per cent of offences committed by young people lead to an arrest fol-lowed by a caution or action in the courts. And only 19 per cent of offences are recorded

Charles Clark, an assistant chief constable of Essex police. said that the scale of offending by young people under the age of 18 meant they were committing 19.178 offences a day or 799 an hour. Twenty-six per cent of offenders cautioned or found guilty of a crime in 1995 vere under 18.

Mr Clark told a conference organised by the Howard League for Penal Reform of the scale and cost of juvenile crime in the two Essex towns of Basildon and Thurrock.

The total cost of crime committed by the under-I8s in Basildon was estimated at £1.5 million of the overall \$6 million crime cost. If the figure included crime committed by those aged between 18 and 21, it rose to 23 million. In Thurrock the cost of crime committed by under-18s was £1.7 million of the overall £7 million crime bill and if the figure included crimes carried our by those aged 18-21, it rose to £3.5 million.

These crists, however substantial, cannot show the cost of misery and fear that are. arguably, a greater cost to society," Mr Clark told the conference at Church House in Westminster. He said that in spite of total recorded crime having fallen for the past three years, there was little hope of a reduction in youth crime. "It is the contention of the police service that youth crime is a bour heard her cries for help serious and continuing

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Mr Clark based most of his findings on an Audit Commission report published last year that criticised the youth justice system, which costs £1 billion a year, as an inefficient and expensive failure. Mr Clark outlined a strategy being adopted by chief constables of making a concerted attack on trime by young people, including a wider use of "caution

Under this system an of-fender is cautioned but they have to make some form of reparation to the victim, pay compensation, or attend a course intended to help them to deal with behavioural diffi-

Mr Clark also called for a more co-ordinated approach. bringing together police probation officers, social workers and education departments. He said that there was little point in excluding children from school when they needed support from teachers, and when freedom from the classmom was likely to lead them further into crime.

Mr Clark wants to see greater efforts being made to change the circumstances most likely to encourage young people to become criminals, such as teenage pregnaney, harsh parenting, poor parental supervision, divorce and separation and low intelligence.

☐ Police offered a £5,000 re-

ward yesterday after the death of a 96-year-old woman who had been mugged. Elizabeth Pinhorn was attacked as she climbed the steps to her home London, on June 9.

The robber, a black man in his twenties, dragged her down the stairs before stealing her handbag containing her rent book and £35. She was taken to hospital after a neighbut died on June 27 from head. leg and shoulder injuries.



Will Hay as William Porter, centre, in the 1937 railway-based British comedy film "Oh Mr Porter"

Continued from page I eral secretary of Aslef, the train drivers union, said that the plan was a "safety nightmare". "Are there no lengths

that the new private train operators are not prepared to go to to cut costs and maximise their money-grabbing profits? Are there no risks they are not prepared to take with the lives of the travelling public? This half-baked scheme is yet

Jobs for commuters

another example or safety being seriously compromised - and on crowded, rush hour

services. Keith Bill, national secretary of the pressure group Save Our Railways, said: "This is almost beyond belief. It is lunacy and it

Commuters streaming home from Liverpool Street yesterday appeared no more old Wood, Essex, said the idea impressed. Andrea Rice, 49, an unemployed receptionist who normally travels to Chadwell Heath in Essex, said

anyone would have to be

desperate for the money" to

the company could find somebody to do the work, such as retired people, she added. Alan York, a 37-year-old insurance broker, from Har-

was "laughable". The company received a £29 million subsidy from taxpayers this year and is owned by First Bus, the bus and rail group that began a seven-year franchise in January.

Straw acts to counter threat of iail crisis

JACK STRAW has been forced to provide urgent cash for the Prison Service after being warned that the increase in the number of inmates could make jails uncontroliable

Officials in the Prison Service underestimated the speed at which prison numbers would increase, leaving the system with a desperate shortage of cells, according to a government report published yesterday. It said that unless action was taken to check overcrowding, "the risk to control could become severe". Hundreds of prisoners are bused around the system daily in an attempt to find empry cells. It is expected that 13,000 inmates will be doubted in single cells by the aurumn. The report also warned Mr

Straw of a increasing backlog of repairs urgently needed at many jails and of the risk that some areas of jails would be condemned by the health and salety authorities. It disclosed that the heating systems at Holloway jail in north London and Canterbury prison failed suddenly during the past 12 months because of delays in

replacing corroded piping.

After receiving the audit of the prison system, the Home Secretary announced a £43 million emergency injection of cash for extra spaces, from savings in the Home

Office budget. The Home Secretary is to delay implementation of automatic three-year jail sentences for three-time domestic bur-glars because this would add tens of thousands to the prison population. He will introduce automatic life sentences for repeat sex offenders and violent offenders and automatic seven-year terms for repeated

dealing in class A drugs. Mr Straw is also to allow more prisoners to have television in their cells as part of a privilege and incentive system. Prison staff also believe that television in cells will ease control problems.

alarmed at a prison population increasing at the rate enough to fill one new jail even month.

Mr Straw said that he was



The controversial painting by Marcus Harvey

Hindley picture condemned by victim's mother

By Carol Midgley, Media correspondent

THE mother of one of Myra Hindley's victims is to seek legal advice over plans by the Royal Academy to exhibit a portrait of the murderer made from thousands of a child's

handprints. Winnie Johnson, whose 12year-old son Keith Bennett was murdered by Hindley and her accomplice Ian Brady, said she would be examining whether she could stop the

picture being exhibited. The portrait by artist Mar-cus Harvey, which recreates the famous police photograph of the Moors murderer from the 1960s, was described by the child protection charity Kidscape as an "appalling" publicity stunt.

The Royal Academy said the handprints were all made using a cast taken from a single child's hand to create a computer-look image of the Hindley photograph. It will go on display from September 18 as part of the Academy's display of young British avant

garde artists. Mrs Johnson, of Fallowfield, Manchester, said: "They must be sick in their minds to think of such a thing. The very idea of using little children's handprints to create a picture of this evil woman is beyond belief. I am going to see my solicitor next week to see if

anything can be done to stop

Yesterday Kidscape urged the public to boycott the exhibtion. Michele Elliot, the charity's director, said: This is done purely for shock value and without any sensitivity to the very alive relatives of the dead children or to the public."

Hindley was jailed with her accomplice Ian Brady in 1966 for the murders of Leslie Ann Downey, 10, and Edward Evans, 17. In 1987 they con-fessed to the killings of Pauline Reade. 16, and Keith Bennett,

Now 56, Hindley is chal-lenging a decision by the former Home Secretary Michael Howard that she must spend the rest of her life **NEWS IN BRIEF**

GCHQ workers return

refusing to relinquish trade union membership, yesterday took part in a symbolic march back to the Chettenham intelligence surveillance centre. Nine of the 14 men were ers as they walked through the security checkpoint at the base. The march comes after a Government decision to overturn the ban on trade unions at GCHQ imposed amid controversy by Margaret Thatcher in 1984 when the Tories said that union membership could pose a security

Boy strangled

Nine-year-old Scott Simpson, whose body was found in bushes near his home in Aberdeen on Monday, was strangled with a ligature, according to the results of post-moriem examination au-nounced yesterday. His body is to be released back to his family to allow them to make funeral arrangements. Steven Leisk, 34, has appeared in court charged with Scott's

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murder. IRA plot foiled

Irish police have foiled an IRA plan to carry out a multimillion-pound bank raid. The IRA's "Dublin Brigade" was plotting to rob a cash shipment from the Allied Irish Bank headquarters in Ballsbridge, Dublin. Police intercepted a van and arrested three men who had been watching the bank for weeks. A file has been sent to the Director of Public Prosecu-

Tories' £12m

Conservative Party members have raised £508,000 in a national summer raffle. The figure is almost 10 per cent more than the £466,000 raised at the same time last year. About £400,000 will be returned to constituency bank accounts in proportion to the number of tickets bought. The rest will be shared between Tory Central Office in London and the Scottish Conservative Party.

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London mayor to levy tax from drivers Sip increase on the present 52 hourly parking meter charge.

But last night. Tories attacked the plans. Steven Norris, the former minister for transport in the capital, said: "I have no doubt that central Government would love to pass the poisoned chalice of road pricing to whoever was the elected mayor. But whether the mayor or the Greater London assembly would be prepared to

take it on is another matter. There are ways of tackling congestion in London that do not involve road

charging."

Mr Norris, who would be a candidate

for the mayor's job, added: "I would be of about £100,000 a year. The Green very suspicious of the idea that this whole apparatus was merely designed to introduce road pricing by the back door."

The Green Paper's veno on tax-raising powers will blunt one of the Conservatives main lines of attack on the latest milestone in Mr Blair's programme of constitutional reform. Ministers deny they are creating a GLC Mark II, saying the new body will be small and streamlined. The Green Paper, drawn up by Nick Raynsford, the Minister for London, will spell out the powers of the new mayor, who will be directly elected by five million Londoners and command a salary

Paper will also give another boost to electoral reform by backing the introduction of proportional representation in the election of the capital's first representative body since the demise of the GLC over a decade ago.

The new mayor would be elected by an alternative vote system in which Londoners would list candidates in order of preference. The aim would be to ensure that the eventual winner secured over 50 per cent of the vote. To deter joke candidates", aspiring city bosses will have to put down a sizeable deposit and secure nominations from 1,000 supporters.



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Cotswold village cuts up rough over 'good deed'

Tim Jones on the hotel owner who wants to mow

Cotswold village have been kept near and trim by garden-ers employed by the owner of a local hotel. It was a service he was happy to provide to maintain Buckland's picture

postcard image.
However, the county council has now or asset form to let the verges grow Glancestershire council says members of the parish council objected to the village looking like a municipal park and wanted to see wild flowers growing by the madeids.

If the council surves me with an injunction I will go straight to the High Court, said Roy Vaughan, owner of the Buckland Manor Hotel. "As far as I am concerned I am doing nothing but good for the village. I like beauty and order and that is what I have

Mr Vaughan, 70, who lives 10 miles away from the village, said the county council had acted on the recommendations of four of the five members of the parish council. "Only one of them lives in Buckland, so why the other four who live in the next village want to inter-fere I don't know," he said. Dr Sheila Fitzgibbon, the parish council chairman, said:

People should be allowed the choice of what happens outside their own property. That is the view we came to."

Vic Sutton, 73, secretary of the parochial church council, believes Mr Vaughan would be happier in suburbia than a country village. "Mr Vaughan has completely ignored re-quests not to cut the grass so short and allow wild flowers

Dr David Emery, who claims the mower has damaged the wall to his property.

A PRISON guard whose body



Roy Vaughan would be



said: "The county and parish councils should be supported on environmental and ecologibe managed and

looked after by the villagers themselves and not by some non-resident businessman." However, a survey of 29 households in the village showed that only five supported the parish council; some

public meeting, John Linton, who organised the survey said: "Many of the people we spoke to felt a tremendous amount of anger towards the parish council on how this matter was handled. We feel that we are extremely fortumate to have Mr Yaughan mowing the grass verge at his own expense and he should receive an apology from the Philip Miller, the county

council's operations manager said his workmen would cut the verge twice a year. "We could ask the police to restrain Mr Vaughan's gardeners from working on the highway because they are probably committing an offence."

Gloucestershire County Council was not available for comment last night, but it is understood that it gave special permission to Mr Vaughan to cut the verges in Buckland, only to rescind it after complaints and consideration of the matter by the parish Ceri Thomas, a writer for

the BBC Gardeners World magazine, said most landscapers and professionals preferred to let verges run wild. The famous example is Peter-borough, which is still shown to students as a model of how to let verges grow wild," she

The movement started with the creation of garden cities like Welwyn and is now very ntinent. The benefits are that you get unusual combinations of plants, especially on motorways where all sorts of things are spread by lorries. Planners usually sow a mixture of seeds and let verges



Gary Sexton, head gardener at the Buckland Manor Hotel, cutting the verges

Runaway pair 'are blaming each other'

By Joanna Bale and Tunku Varadarajan

THE runaway boy of 14 found in Florida with a married woman of 33 was said to be suffering from mood swings last night. Sean Kinsella said he was in love with Tracey Whalin, but blamed her for getting him into trouble.

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He was playing computer games in a children's home while Mrs Whalin languished in jail accused of "lewd and indecent assault". Police said she had asked to speak to anyone from her family who wants to speak to her" but "We haven't had a single call."

Back home in England, her unemployed husband David was left to consider a deluge of offers for his side of the story. The offers were not thought to be anywhere near the £140,000 bail his wife would need to get out of jail in Plantation Keys, in the event that Mr Whalin felt like

In charge of the negotiations was his sister, Suzanne Elliott, with whom he and his three children, Ross, Jake and Robyn, are staying in Bulwell, Nottingham. One reporter, among several waiting outside the house after delivering their bids, said: "He has been publicly humiliated and we can understand his reluctance is the one everyone wants."

Sean — a friend of Ross — is expected to fly back to Britain accompnied by his uncle, lan Anderson, who has signed an exclusive deal with The Sun, thought to comprise air fares and accommodation expenses. He will be reunited with his mother Beryl. She too has been inundated with offers. One sticking point is that if British police, who are due to fly to Florida on Monday, bring Mrs Whalin home and charge her. Sean becomes a minor subject to court proceedings, and cannot be identified in any way. Mrs Whalin faces up to 20 years in prison if

she stays in Florida, where she is also charged with interfer-ing with Sean's custody. She is due for arraignment on August 12.

Detectives say she has confessed to having a passionate sexual affair for over a year with the boy who plays in the same football team as her son She told them it was Sean's idea that they should abscond together to America. They were traced to a seaside holiday complex after Sean rang his mother.

Deputy Becky Herrin of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department said that Mrs Whalin would remain imprisoned until she posted bail. She said: "Mrs Whalin is being held in our correctional facili ty, in a cell that's 10ft x 20 ft. It's simple, with a bed, sink. table and toilet. There's no relevision."

Inmates at the children's centre where Sean is staying said he was suffering from mood swings about his feelings for Mrs Whalin. A lbyear-old girl said he told her: She has got me into enough trouble as it is." Then he repeatedly said he "loved" the woman and he was "heartbroken" that he was not with her.



Jail guard | Tribunal throws | Sex abuse might be out miscarriage victim

was found two years after his unexplained disappearance could have been murdered, an inquest was told yesterday.
Peter Curran, 38, was an officer at Whitemoor maxi-

mum security prison, Cambridgeshire, the scene of a some time off to recover. failed IRA breakout attempt in September 1994. Eight months later, in May 1995, he was suspended from his job amid allegations that he had been smuggling toiletries to in-mates. Two days later, he went missing from his home in the nearby town of March.

In February this year police dredging a lonely dyke for stolen cars found Mr Curran's body strapped inside his submerged car. His wife Christine believes that he was unlawfully killed, disputing police investigators conclu-sion that his death could have been as a result of a driving accident or a suicide.

The inquest into his death at Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, was told that Mrs Curran believes her husband's death had nothing to do with his suspension, but involved something more smister. Michael Mansfield, QC, for Mrs Curran, had requested a jury inquest "in the interests of justice", but his application was refused by William Mor-

ris, the coroner. Mr Mansfield linked Mr Curran's death to that of another prison officer who worked on the same wing at Whitemoor Prison. Marcia Whitehurst died in a road accident while on her way to give evidence at the trial of the iRA men accused of taking part in the 1994 escape

The inquest was adjourned

WPC's claim

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

WHEN WPC Siobhan on June 18. Two months later, Adcock-Kersting became pregnant last year she was put on light duties by her senior officer. Later, when she miscarried, he advised her to take

Kersting, an officer with eight years' experience, returned to work in the domestic violence unit of the north London force and brought a sex discrim-ination case against the Met-ropolitan Police.

Yesterday the 30-year-old after a tribunal chairwoman told her the police had her best intersts at heart. The tribunal was told that WPC Adoock-Kersting, who is now three months' pregnant, had been placed on lighter duties than her usual work in the unit in St John's Wood, north London, when she became

pregnant early last year.

She then miscarried in May and was advised to take some



she had to take eight months' sick leave because of stress. Giving evidence, WPC Adcock-Kersting said she had been deeply shocked by the advice of her officers and felt her miscarriage had been used to force her out. "Having a miscarriage should not have prevented me from getting back into my original job. I was completely shocked and shanned because I wanted to

go back," she said. Detective Inspector William Price told the tribunal that he had only WPC Adcock Kersting's well-being in mind.

"If I had allowed the officer back into that environment would have been accused of being totally uncaring and totally unsympathetic by staff," he said.

"When she told me she was preganant I explained she would be placed on light duties. At first she complained this was unnecessary - she was concerned this was a criticism - but I explained this was a regulation force policy for pregnant women. The object was so she would

not put herself at risk." He said he had gone to see WPC Adcock-Kersting after her miscarriage, taking wine and chocolates from colleagues. "I told her there was no immediate need for her to return to work and she should take her time to get herself back together again and not to worry about the job," he said. "It was my opinion she should not go back into a stressful environment taking

into account all that had gone on before. If it was a man I

would have acted in exactly

priest is jailed for 12 years

By AUDREY MAGEE

THE Catholic Church in Ireland faces massive claims for compensation after a paedophile priest, Brendan Smyth — whose case lead to the collapse of the 1994 Irish Government - was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment yesterday for sexually abusing children as young as six. Six people in Northern Ire-

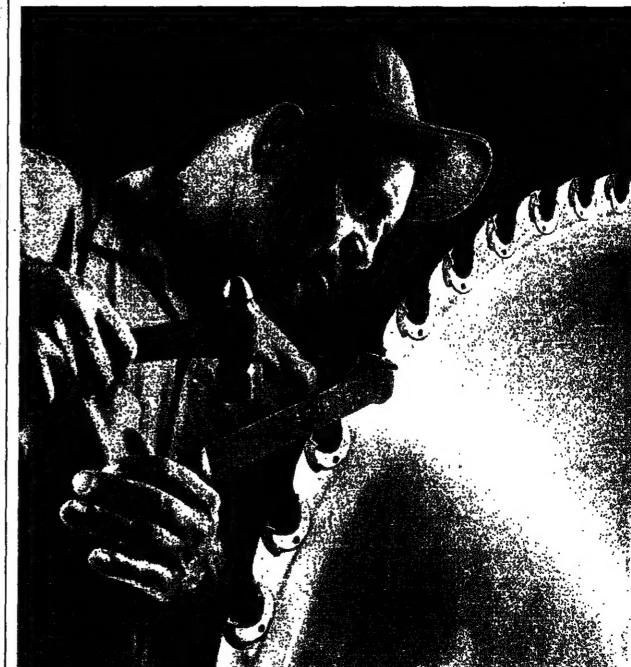
land and the Republic are currently suing the Roman Catholic Primate of All Ireland for failing to protect them against Smyth. Many more of his victims are now expected to follow suit. At Dublin's central criminal

court, Smyth, 69, admitted 74 charges of abuse against 20 boys and girls over 36 years until 1993. The priest, a member of the Roman Catholic Norbertine Order, said his crimes were "sins against God, offences against the individual persons and offences against the laws of the State". Judge Cyril Kelly said: "The kindly man became the bogey man ... doaked in the veneer of Christian teaching and

Smyth. Ballyjamesduff in Co Cavan. was wanted for similar offences in Northern Ireland. In 1994 the RUC requested his extradition, which split the Irish government and Albert Reynolds, the then Prime Minister, was forced to resign. Smyth was finally extradited to Northern Ireland where he was jailed for four years in 1994 for eight offences. The next year he was convicted on eight further charges and jailed for two more years.

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Six savaged by brain-damaged squirrel

BY NICK NUTTALL

A SQUIRREL said to have "something ! wrong with its brain" shattered the peace of the genteel London suburb of Hampstead yesterday when it ran amok biting six people. The beast attacked one women after

landing on her head while as she read in her garden. Another person suffered a bite on the leg. All the victims needed hospital treatment. The marauder was only halted when a building worker. restoring a house, dealt him a fatal blow with a spade. The squirrel had

already inflicted a nasty cut on him. An expert on squirrels at Camden council said: "It was demanding food with menaces. We think it was regularly fed by people when it was younger, and when the feeding stopped it became aggressive in its efforts to get food from humans." The squirrel probably had

something wrong with its brain.
Harry Pepper, of the Forestry Commission's Alice Holt research station near Farnham, Surrey, said: "Grey squirrels can be aggressive but normally only when they are provoked or cornered." Mr Pepper said red squirrels, which are being ousted by the invading North American greys across Britain, were far more timid.

A spokeswoman for the Chartered Institute of Environmenal Health Officers, said people should remember that squirrels are rodents. "People do not think of them as rats. But they are really tree rats with design improvements."

The council spokesman said they had been alerted to the squirrel by a local GP who had asked that it was trapped humanely. But before an officer could locate it, the builder had dispatched it

Jud! invest baby

Blair overshadows Uxbridge defection

Activist protests at Government's

behaviour, reports Polly Newton

TONY BLAIR was given a pop star's welcome yesterday when he paid a campaigning visit to west London ahead of next Thursday's Uxbridge byelection. Crowds demanded his autograph, grabbed his hand and ruffled his hair.

As Labour activists formed a protective cordon around the Prime Minister, he signed at least two plaster casts - one on the arm of a five-year-old boy called Kenneth Clark and assorted bits of Labour literature as he made his way through the streets.

Prime ministers have traditionally stayed away from byelection campaigns on the grounds that they could be tainted by a failure to win the seat, but Mr Blair said he thought it was a "daft" convention. Whatever the situation, whatever the result, what's important is you come down and say, look, this is what the Government is doing."

The excitement surrounding



Shrimpton: said to have

announcement by a long-time Labour activist that he had decided to back the Tories. Michael Shrimpton. a party member since 1981, switched sides hours before Mr Blair's

economy.

Mr Shrimpton, a lawyer who stood for Labour in

nouncement as "just the To-

said he had never expected to be selected to fight the seat. He had thought that Labour would choose David Williams. who was the party's candidate in the general election. "The fact that he wasn't even shortlisted astonished me." Mr Shrimpton said. "I know. having gone through the selec-

At a press conference with Lord Parkinson, the Conservative Party chairman, Mr Shrimpton said he was "appalled at the way Labour had behaved since entering gov-ernment. "I have been alarmed at the way the party has thrown its weight about in Parliament after the election." He said he disagreed with Europe, defence and the

Horsham in 1987, had hoped to be the party's by-election candidate in Uxbridge and his actions were dismissed by Labour as sour grapes. Mr Blair described the an-

ries up to their old tricks again". He added: "This is somebody who put himself orward as the candidate for the by-election for Labour a few weeks ago and now the Conservatives say he has defected to them. I think there is something very odd about However, Mr Shrimpton

Uxbridge party.
"I know there is deep con-

cern within the Labour Party

at the way the Government is

behaving and the way the

party machine is becoming

tion process, that it alarmed MP for Harlow, who was at and astonished many in the Cardiff University_with him, said he had been elected president of the union as a Conservative in 1981. "Then he defected to the SDP, boasting that he was the first Conservative president to do so. He then centralised and overriding the switched to Labour within months, moving finally to the

wishes of local constituency Socialist Workers' Party when Labour said Mr Shrimpton I got the official Labour nomihad a history of changing nation for president in 1982." parties. Bill Rammell, Labour Mr Williams, who reduced

the Tory majority in Uxbridge to 724 in the general election. was kept off the by-election shortlist by the party's National Executive Committee. From the choice of candidates they were offered, the Ux-bridge party opted for Andrew Slaughter, leader of Hammersmith and Fulham council.

Yesterday, Peter James, a claimed that at least 30 party

Tony Blair meeting the people of Uxbridge yesterday when he broke with convention to visit the Tory seat in support of Andrew Slaughter

boycotting the campaign - a figure dismissed by a Labour. spokesman as exaggeration".

The Conservative candidate, John Randall, has strong Uxbridge roots and is the managing director of a town centre department store.

Mr Blair's visit was aimed at shifting voters' attention

achievements of Labour so far in government. Labour strate-

the election. Shersby (C) 18.095; D Williams (Lab) 17.371; A Malyan

gists believe that focusing on the national picture will maximise their chances of winning the seat, which was left vacant by the death of Sir Michael Shersby a week after ☐ General election: Sir M

be charged over rings

Two police officers face disciplinary charges over the disappearance of jewellery worth. Authority said vesterday...

The items had been confiscated during a raid on a house in Suffolk last July and taken to Bury St Edmunds police station. When efforts were made to return the two rings to the owner three months later they could not be found. The officers are to be charged with neglect of duty and disobedience to orders.

Knopfler fined

Mark Knopfier, singer and guitarist with Dire Straits, was fined £740 at Andover, Hampshire, after he admitted driving at 102mph. in his Range Rover on the A303; Knopfler, 47, had been on his way to see his children at their West Country school.

Swampy guilty

An arrest warrant was issued for the anti-road protester. Daniel Hooper, known as Swampy, after he failed to attend a court hearing. Crewe magistrates convicted him of threatening behaviour and causing damage at the Manchester Airport runway site.

Salaries delayed

A computer fault at the Royal Bank of Scotland means that salaries paid by 5,500 com-panies will not go into employees' accounts until Monday. Arrangements are being made with other banks to enable the 80,000 people affected to withdraw cash over the weekend.

Pop star waits

Judgment was reserved until October in a High Court case against the former Take That star Robbie Williams. Nigel Martin-Smith, the group's founder and manager, is claiming commission from Williams, who quit for a solo career in 1995.

Marriages fail

The number of marriage breakdowns in Ireland has more than doubled in ten-years, from 37,000 in 1986 to 87,800 last year, according to analysis of the latest census. are made up of co-habitees rather than married couples.

Saltwater delicacy could soup up RAF combat aircraft

DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE sea cucumber could one day do more for combat jets than all the mechanical engineering and avionic developments of recent years. Ministry of Defence researchers have discovered. The sea cucumber, gastronomi-

cally known as beche-de-mer and consumed as a delicacy — particularly its sex organs - in China, has to copy to make combat aircraft faster and more manoueverable.

or soft at will, with the help of the natural magnesium and calcium ions found in sea water. Scientists have found it may be possible to adapt the sea cucumber's body changes to structural materials. A "sea cucumber" jet could go soft when in flight, providing maximum flexibility. The wings could even face forwards, guaranteeing a

The scientists at the ministry's Defence Evaluation and Research

Agency in Farnborough. Hampshire, where the work is being carried out, call it "aero-elastic

Paul Curtis, head of polymer (synthetic) composites and smart materials at Dera, is so convinced of the importance of the sea cucumber that he predicts a demonstration of the new technology could be ready in three to five years different scale of aerodynamics. and a practical version flying in ten Researchers believe such aircraft

invertebrate, has a soft cylindrical body, which can vary from 4 inch

to 6½ ft long and is between ½ in Curtis sald: "This idea of copying and 8 in thick. In response to a nature has only been going for a threat it wedges itself into a crevice and stiffens its body so that preda-

Scientists engaged in biomimetics - the science of mimicking nature — who had already successfully produced Velcro by observing the way pollen stuck to plants, became convinced that if sea cucumbers could stiffen at will, so could man-made materials. They could have other uses, such as for vehicle suspensions. Professor

nature has only been going for a few years. The concept of the spider's web, for example, has helped us to develop synthetic manmade carbon fibres. You can't copy nature exactly but you can copy the ideas. We know that sea cucumbers need the magnesium and calcium ions in sea water to stiffen up and then relax, so we're working on ways of adopting the same

approach." was to develop a material that would have varying stiffness, pro-

viding greater manoeuvrability for jet aircraft.
The idea would be for combat

aircraft to have special computers on board that would dictate automatically when the structure of a fighter jet should stiffen or become more malieable, by changing the chemical materials, depending on

A one-year contract was given to Reading University to study the sea. cucumber. Researchers there dem-

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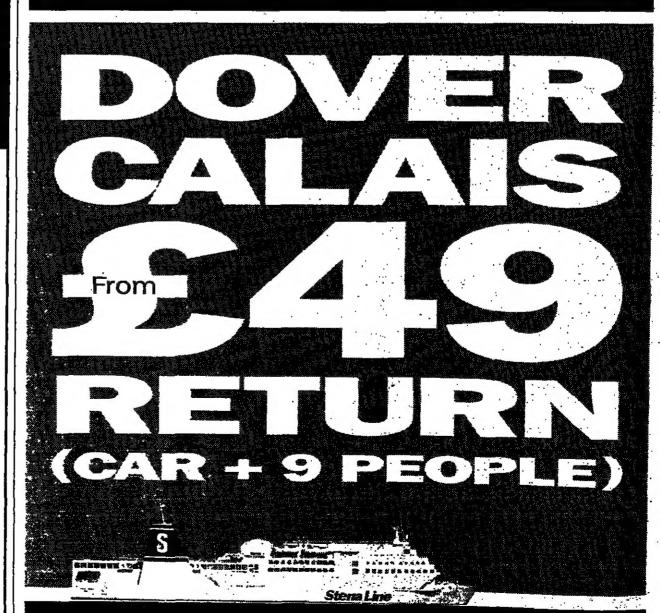
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Officer Judge calls for over in investigation into baby's injuries ability was denied all along and there was relief for the

the Director of Public Prosecutions to investigate a possible hospital cover-up of events that left a baby with "catas-trophic" brain damage. For five years Philip and

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Nicki Wade have been trying to establish how their son Ben suffered asphyxia during his birth at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester. Last December the couple, whose son needs 24-hour care, accepted damages of £1.4 mil-lion from Winchester Health Authority which offered the settlement but denied liability.

However, the authority, now the North and Mid Hampshire Health Authority, then issued a press statement admitting that after an full internal inquiry "there has been some shortcomings by a member of staff who has since left the hospital".

The statement was at odds vith an affadavit from David Hewett, assistant medical director at the hospital, and signed seven months earlier, which said there had been no full investigation and no shortcomings. At a High Court hearing yesterday, Judge Rog-er Cox took the rare step of asking the DPP to examine the possibility that the authority had tried to cover up the circumstances of Ben's injuries. He said the conflict of evidence was a "matter I take. very seriously indeed."

Huw Lloyd, for the authority, told the judge that it 'unreservedly apologised" for distress caused to Mr and Mrs Wade but said the press statement had been wrong and the affadavit correct.

Yesterday's hearing had been set for Mr Wade to make

Boy born with

brain damage raises fears of

with the rest of their lives.

er," she added.

"It isn't going to make Ben

to know what happened."

ment on the judge's remarks.

a cover-up, says

Richard Duce

it known that he and his family would be accepting a lump sum payment in damages rather than a structured settlement for Ben. After the hearing Mr Wade, 39, a film maker from Winchester, said: "I want to get to the truth. If there was something wrong done I would like to know." The obstetric registrar in

charge of Ben's delivery in October 1991 has left the hospital and is now understood to be working in America. Ben suffered asphyxia at birth and is permanently physically and mentally handicapped. He is blind, epileptic, quadriplegic and severely mentally handi-capped. One medical expert described him as about the most severely handicapped child" she had ever seen.

Philip Havers, QC, for Ben, told the judge earlier that it was impossible to exaggerate the dedication and commitment shown by his parents to his care, which has inevitably been very much to the detriment of their own lives."

Mrs Wade, 35, who has a two-year-old son called Oliver, lost her job as a teacher because of the time she needed to take care of Ben.

Anne Winyard, the family's solictor, said yesterday: "Li-



Oasis fans prepare for an overnight wait in Sheffield yesterday for tickets for the band's 13-date Frank O'Sullivan, assistant chief executive of the Winches-ter and Eastleigh health trust, which now runs the hospital nationwide tour which go on sale this morning. The scene was repeated where Ben was born, said last at tour venues in London. Aberdeen, night he was unable to com-Birmingham, Newcastle and

Oasis fans chase tour tickets

overnight. A Freephone number — 0800 1383333 — has been set up for fans to book the 156,000 tickets for the September tour. With only a

box offices, telephone operators are braced for a flood of calls and 300 telephone lines will open today to sell the bulk of the tickets.

liaising for several weeks to ensure that the national network can cope with the expected demand. The band's record label, Creation, estimates that tickets will sell out by this evening. They will cost £17.50, or £19 for the three shows in London, plus a £1.50 booking charge.

arrested in drownings inquiry

By Stephen Farrell

WOMAN has been agrested and interviewed by police following the deaths of two girls at a riverside barbecue on Monday. Charles Fox and Jasmine Neville, both 8, drowned after being swept away by currents in a shallow stretch of the River Wharfe

near Otley, west Yorkshire. West Yorkshire Police said the deaths were not being reated as suspicious, but a file would be sent to the Crown Prosecution Service to consider charges. The unnamed woman was released on police bail after being interviewed on Thursday. A police spokes-woman said: "She has been interviewed in connection with the inquiry, but not in connection with the deaths.

The bodies of Jasmine and Charlea — who was celebrating her birthday — were found by police divers in 9ft of water a few yards from where they disappeared at 7pm at a popular picnic spot known as andy Beach. They were being supervised by a friend's moth-er after other parents left to take their children home. The pair are thought to have got into difficulties while the had left the water. She raised house half a mile away.

The incident happened the from Bradford, was drowned in the same river a few miles upstream. An inquest will be opened on Monday at Leeds Coroner's Court

Woman is | Penthouse gets fit for the coffee table

By CAROL MIDGLEY

AFFER 32 years of being furtively plucked from the top shelf, Penthouse, "the magazine for men", is being forced to revamp its image to halt

plummeting sales.

The publication, whose pinup pages have outraged generations of women's rights groups, says that degrading pictures of women do not

appeal to Nineties Man.
Monthly sales of Penthouse
in Britain have fallen from
150,000 in the 1960s to 20,000 today. Market research carried out by the parent comto be seen with.

Penthouse's executives say they want to produce a magareclaim Penthouse from the dirty mac brigade". The project is being headed by Andrew Cameron, former managing director of Express

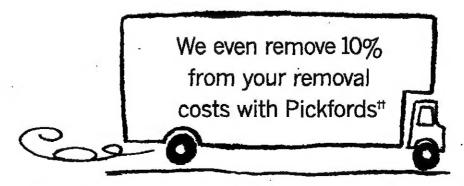
unlikely to persuade high street retailers such as W. H. stocking it. The magazine will still feature naked women, but, insist the editors, depicted

more stylishly.

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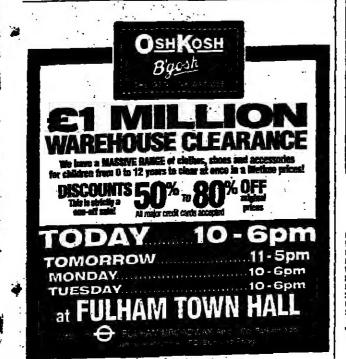
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Labour launches investigation into four accused councillors By JILL SHERMAN CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT TONY BLAIR is preparing to take tough fisciplinary action against councillors in the Polythic in a labour council is now under investigation by the police and the district auditor over earlies ollawarian audito

disciplinary action against councillors in the Yorkshire stronghold of Doncaster after a series of allegations of fraud and

corruption. On Wednesday the party's National Executive Committee will open an investigation into four people who have been suspended from the Labour group on Doncaster council after being accused of misusing links with local developers. It

to foreign trips, expenses, hospitality and

free gifts.

Labour's inquiry, to be carried out by an NEC working party, will look at whether the councillors should be expelled and whether anyone else should be disciplined. Labour sources believe that other councillors may be suspended after the inquiries of the district auditor

that an NEC panel will be set up to select a list of potential candidates, to ensure that no one linked with the present allegations is allowed to remain as a councillor. The four senior councillors who have been suspended are Peter' Birks, former council leader, Peter Welsh, deputy leader, Ray Stockhill, and John Quinn.

A senior party spokesman said that the Prime Minister was determined to act

"But unlike the Tories, who failed to act over Westminster council, we will clean out our own stables."

Senior Labour officials have been alarmed about the allegations for several months. The district auditor has finished an investigation into the alleged misuse of foreign trips and is conducting another into the planning allegations. The council is also holding an inquiry, which is expected to report in August. Caroline had the power, pending the outcome of various inquiries.

Ms Flint was selected as Labour's candidate for Don Valley after the NEC by-election panel imposed a shortlist owing to the allegations of corruption in Doncaster. One of the suspended councillors, Peter Welsh, had been trying for the same seat.

The action in Doncaster follows the NEC's decision this month to suspend

Walsall Labour Party over alleged intimidation after claims that Labour councillors took a free holiday at ratepayers' expense. In the same year, Mr Blair ordered the inquiry and suspension of all 15 Labour councillors in Monklands after allegations of favouritism in allocating council jobs. Labour also suspended five councillors in Hackney over allegations

Party elite lived high life in rotten borough

Dominic Kennedy investigates allegations of foreign

junkets and drunken raceday outings in Doncaster

AMONG the dole queues and discount stores of south Yorkshire, a group of councillors found a way to see the world and drink until they

The Metropolitan Borough of Doncaster, a Labour bastion since its creation in 1974. has become a embarrassment to the national party as one of the rottenest of boroughs in the old Labour heartlands.

A 20-strong special team of South Yorkshire police, the District Auditor, Labour's National Executive Committee and the council's own officials are all holding separate inquiries into allegations ranging from worldwide junkets at Club Class to suggestions that some councillors may have helped friendly property developers seeking planning permission in the Green Belt.

The planning committee chairman. Peter Birks, was found to have been living in a farmhouse bought by a developer who was allowed to turn a protected poppy field in open countryside into an upmarket housing estate, despite dogged opposition from villagers.

Four senior councillors have already been suspended from group and a replacement 'new Labour" leadership

SONY

elected as the party prepares for next May's local elections. Voters will then be able to deliver their verdict on the scandal locals call "Donnygate". An "anti-sleaze" candidate in Doncaster North at the general election attracted 1.181 votes but failed to dent the

22,000 Labour majority. The police investigation. named the Danum inquiry after the Roman name for Doncaster, is operating from an incident room opposite the council's administrative offices with officers studying official papers and taking statements over allegations of fraudulent expenses claims by

Birks chairman of planning committee

officers, and the placement of contracts and planning applications.

Among the District Auditor's outstanding concerns are expenses-paid travel between Doncaster and the newest of its five twin towns, Wilmington in North Carolina, where councillors flew on £2,100 Club Class tickets although economy fare was available

Originally the borough, like many English towns, had a German twin Herten and a French twin, Avion. It then chose to establish a link with a Polish mining community. Gliwice, ("not a very nice place - one of our councillors went and he was ill for a fortnight because of the pollution." a colleague told The Times) and Dandong in China (a pretty

impoverished area — you deserved a medal for getting there because it's an 18-hour iourney by train from Peking and the loo is a hole in the corner of the coach," he When councillors learned that Dandong had an American twin, Wilmington, an attractive, affluent coastal area they decided it would be

ideal to make official twinning

"With Club Class you have the private room at the airport, you are not in with the great unwashed," said Mr Dainty, who admits that he was naive to travel in such style at public expense. There's free drink and nuts and things like that."

long trip last year by a sevenstrong delegation to North can social services with Donto the United States was John theatre trip.

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Poppy fields at Branton, Doncaster, are now covered by housing and a road after planning permission was given for development there

Dainty, who leads the puny three-strong Conservative opposition against the massed ranks of 58 Labour councillors (there are also two Liberals).

The District Auditor, Gor-

don Sutton, who delayed retirement to complete a *public interest" report on the borough expected by earlier autumn, is still querying a week-Carolina to compare Americaster's (they decided Doncaster was better served), which on the first official delegation restaurant on the coast and a

Another party went to Chi-cago to study out-of-town development and there have been expenses-paid jaunts to Japan. Hong Kong, China and Sweden without formal approval. During a trip to Prague, a single bottle of brandy cost

Free drink is the norm for a Doncaster councillor on duty. There is always fierce competition to be selected for a subcommittee of the Trading Services Committee which deals with markets and abat-toirs, called the race committee".

The committee supervises Doncaster's famous municipal racecourse, home of the St Leger, and meets, however short the agenda, every time there is weekday racing. This enables, members to have a free lunch then relax in their are complimentary all day. "It has been known that members have been carried out of there horizontal and put in taxis to take them home," said Mr Dainty

All 63 councillors are given two free tickets for every race day, a perk worth £500 a year alone. At one race meeting, councillors found complimentary raffle tickets on their seats with prizes including an expenses-paid trip to the Kentucky Derby.

The former council leader Peter Welsh, now suspended from the Labour group, was pictured at the racecourse with a Conservative councillor Kate Bannard on his lap; both divorced, they have become a couple. When Lord Wakeham. the Tory peer and chairman of the Betting Levy Board was chief guest at a St Leger dinner, some councillors became drunk and one started using uncouth language while another had to be carried out, blind drunk", by two attendants, his feet dangling in the

Doncaster's Borough Solicitor and the Director of Social Services are conducting an inquiry, expected to produced interim findings in August, after the resignations of Mr Welsh, a former mineworker, as leader of the council, and

Four councillors were suspended from the Labour



Houses built on the disputed site in Doncaster, known as Branton Grange



The farm where Peter Birks lives was said to have been bought by a developer that we cannot, as officer:

Yorkshire Post alleged that Mr Birks, the planning chairman, had moved from a council bungalow to a

comment on the 10-year blueprint for housing, the Unitary Development Plan, they were astonished that some members proposed an extra 5,000 unneeded homes in countryside, potentially inflating land values for the owners by millions of pounds.

All 12 planning officials rebelled and sent a confidential memorandum to the planning director, David Ellis



who out-manoeuvred councillors from the town. Eighteen months ago a let-

take this stance, irrespective c

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sions, without damaging ou

professional integrity and

credibility and ultimately tha

of the borough council."

Mr Dainty, referring to the

traditionally respectable

working-class culture that per-

vaded the authority, said:

You never went to council

meetings without collar and

tie and even suits on al-

though he admitted he was

"laughed out of court" when the Tories proposed a drink

Doncaster, which was Conservative-run during part of

the 1960s, has been solidly

Labour since the new, en-

larged metropolitan district

was created in 1974 to include

many of the outlying mining

villages which have since lost

their collieries and most of

Labour group has been domi-

nated by the Mining Com-

munity Group, representing

the former pit communities.

Since the early 1980s, the

ban in the council.

their jobs.

ter delivered to Tony Blair's father-in-law, the actor Tony Booth, by a friend, Ron Rose, a playwright and former borough councillor, was passed on to the Labour leader. It d looks," says Mr Dainty, "that Tony Blair has got his finger on it; whether it's Doncaster or anywhere else where there is a smell of a scandal, they (party Peter Welsh with Kate Bannard, a Tory councillor officials will go in."

£39.99... £175,000 19th-century listed his deputy Ray Stockhill, a former lorry driver, and the farmhouse bought by Alan Hughes, a developer, Mr suspension and early retire-Hughes was given permission ment of the chief executive, to build on fields in Branton in or up to 70 hours standby time. A digital (GSM) phone with Doug Hale, and the release 1993 despite opposition from a lithium ion battery, which allows recharging at any time from his contract of John without any battery memory effect. This superb phone is easy When the council planning Smith, the finance director. to use, and offers memory facility and full data compatibility. On another occasion, some officials asked councillors to saying: "It is our strong belief councillors were taken on a A mobile phone that works as long and hard as you do... coach to a former mining village to spend 20 minutes Connect direct 24 hours a day or at your local dealer to Sony visiting a new office dealing with housing problems, then bused back for a sit-down Cellular Services and you can rely on us deliverno: Choice of 3 tariffs for low, medium or regular usage, all with lunch in the great kitchen of the splendid 18th century POWERFUL. INCENTIVE. inclusive minutes and one second billing Mansion House, built when 24 hour, 365 days a year manned Customer Care helpline the town had a thriving market and plenty of rich • 14 day exchange merchants. "They opened the bar and • 12 months guarantee some of them had two or three 24 hour replacement phone service** drinks pre-lunch," said Mr Dainty, who left the function early. "All of a sudden they TO CONNECT start bringing bottles of wine OR FIND YOUR NEAREST DEALER round and then liqueurs; they CALL NOW were carrying them out." The council issued 27 credit 0800 511 6 1 1 cards, one of which was used, according to Mr Dainty. to buy rounds of drinks for a council group in the early Sony Cellular Services can also connect a range of other hours at an expensive Man-Yodafone• phones and the FIVE FREE CD offer still applies. Available chester Hotel. The former exclusively from your local Serry Cellular Services dealer. leader had use of a Jaguar and there were two chauffeurdriven cars to enable councilctional period: 5.7.97 - 31.7.97 • Customers will automatically be sont their 5 free CDs will'in 28 days of payment of their limit sirfims bill. Terms and Conditions: Promotional period: 5.7.97 - 31.7.97 = Customers will automatically be sent their 5 free CQs will be \$29 days of payment of their first airline bill.

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d councillo Wreck treasure Wreck treasure hunters may get sinking feeling

Simon de Bruxelles reports on the hunt for a £50m

chest of gold. But has the box already been emptied?

think they were unable to

conduct a salvage operation in those days, especially when so

much money was at stake. They would have used diving

bells and grappling hooks to fish up anything moveable.

And they could certainly hold

their breath long enough to dive to the relatively shallow

depths in which the wreck lay.

miles around would have been

out there. In any case the amount of wealth said to be on

board seems to me ludicrous."

covered from the beach as well

as the wreck is contained in the Exeter Mercury of Decem-

ber 16, 1763, which recorded

that the collector of customs at

St Ives hired 60 men to scour

the bay. They found large numbers of gold coins.

Two years later, in a case

which set a precedent in mar-

ine insurance, a recipient of

the insurance payout was

ordered to repay the sum he had received after salvaging

an iron chest containing gold.

set up by Mr Martin to raise

the Hanover, refuses to dis-

cuss the evidence for the claim

that £50 million worth of

Hydrasalve said: This is a

process that, once started, has

to be completed. Without its

protective covering of sand the action of the tides could do serious damage to the wreck in a very short time."

Hydrasalve will not disclose whether it has yet recovered anything of value, although it has located 14 of the ship's 40 cannon which are being stored on the seabed prior to lifting. If the wreck is intact, as Mr Martin believes, it will be raised in two pieces and transferred to shore on a

treasure remains on board.

Hydrasalve, the company

Evidence that gold was re-

"Everyone with a boat from

IT HAS been presented as the richest shipwreck in British waters: an estimated £50 million worth of treasure lying just a few dozen yards off the rocky north Cornwall coast.

As salvage work resumed on the Hanoverthis week after the lifting of a temporary government ban, private investors who have put £1 million into the project were anxiously waiting to discover if they will see more for their money than a few ancient timbers and artefacts.

Contemporary records seem to cast doubt on claims by the salvage company raising the wreck that much of its precious cargo still lies on the seabed at Hanover Cove, near

Cligga Head.
The Hanover was a packet ship carrying the Royal Mail from Lisbon to Falmouth when, in December 1763, it ran into a severe storm. On. board were 27 crew and 40 wealthy passengers.

The storm drove the twomasted square rigger onto rocks with the loss of all but three of those on board. The vessel and its cargo, which included an iron chest said to contain £60,000 in gold, sank quickly and became wedged in a gully where it was soon covered in sand.

Attempts to raise funds for the salvage operation began two years ago when Colin Martin, a diving enthusiast who had heard tales of the Hanover and made 50 dives in search of it, found the ship's bell. Earlier this month, after raising funds from private speculators. Mr Martin and his 30 volunteer divers towed a platform over the wreck site and used underwater vacuum

hoses to remove 20ft of sand. Although the wreck is just 12ft to 30ft deep depending on the tides, it is in an area of strong currents and a heavy swell. The platform is jacked up on four legs and the divers, who work in shifts, are low-ered to the seabed in baskets. Mr Martin says that his

ambition is to raise and restore the wreck, which would be the only Falmouth packet to be preserved. He intends to display the 140ft ship in a visitors' centre. To pay for the enormous cost of the salvage. and restoration, however, investors have been tempted by tales of riches.

There is little doubt that the Hanover carried a large amount of money. Most of it belonged to the Crown and was in an iron chest. However, contemporary records suggest that much was salvaged in the two years after the wreck sank.

One authority on wrecks said: "It would be a mistake to

> Conservation work expected to last two years will begin at once. Storage tanks are waitat Hydrasalve's headquarters in Portreath ready for the first artefacts.

THIS sight of a flat-bottomed boat with its tan sail and brightly painted hull would have been familiar to Samuel Taylor Coleridge's Ancient Mariner from the Bristol Channel port of

when he set sail on his fateful voyage Watchet, Yesterday the first "Watchet flatty" to be built in more than 100 years left the harbour (Simon de Bruxelles writes).

Local legend has it that Watchet's fortunes began to fail when the flatties were overtaken by progress, rather like the mariner running into bad luck over his albatross. Designed for the choppy, tidal waters of the Bristol

Under full sail, the boat left by Ancient Mariner

Channel, they were used for fishing, hauling peat, reed gathering and fetching coal. The 19ft oin remake has been modelled on old photographs and the remains of

the only surviving example. Derek Vivian. 55, was one of a group of enthusiasts who built the boat, named Yankee Jack after a writer of sea shanties who lived in a cottage on the harbour early this

century. He said: "They wen practical as well as pretty. We have weather that can change from one moment to the next. The tide goes out vast distances leaving expanses of rocks, mud and sand. If

when the tide went down." Coleridge was living near by at

the weather worsened, they would make for the beach, fill the

boat with stones and collect it

Nether Stowey when he wrote The Rime of the Ancient Mariner in 1798. Originally, the sides of a flatty were elm. but planks of the right quality are hard to obtain today, so the team used Scandinavian redwood for the cambering.

Mr Vivian hopes that other boat builders might be inspired to revive the design: "It might be the key to the town's revival. Some of the old people round here still remember them in regular use before the Second World War."

Storm of the century, Weekend, page }

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Chichester feat remembered

A MEMORIAL to Sir Francis commissioned by Chichester's Chichester was unveiled in son, Giles, a Euro MP. He has Plymouth by the Duke of Edinburgh yesterday, 30 years after he completed his solo voyage around the world. Eminent sailors including

Sir Chay Blyth and Pete Goss were present at the ceremony after the plaque was privately

complained that Plymouth council has ignored the feat.

"I have been working for over ten years to put a suitable memorial in place to remind people what this son of Devon chieved," he said yesterday. More than 400,000 people

crammed Plymouth Hoe to see Chichester's return in 1967 after his 24,000-mile voyage. The plaque bears an illustration of his craft, Gypsy Moth IV, and the words Chichester, who died in 1972,

used when asked why he made the trip: Because it intensifies life."

Death of boy angler 'caused by negligence'

when the fishing pole he was using hit a high-voltage electricity cable running across a farm lake followed "gross negligence" by the farmers who charged youngsters to fish in the shallow lake, a

court was told yesterday.

The boy, Jamie Boyce, 13, a keen angler, from Brixworth, Northamptonshire, and a friend, Daniel Jones, 15, had gone to the farm last August to spend a day fishing. Richard and Susan Lee, both 42, of Spratton, deny manslaughter. Richard Latham QC, for the prosecution, told the jury at Warwick Crown Court: "It is not suggested we are con-cerned with an intentional killing, but with a tragic accident which, it is said, involved gross negligence."

At the farm was a lake which had been used for fishing for some time, and the couple also built another shallow "balancing lake" under power lines which crossed the land, 6.6 metres above the surface of the lake.

On more than one occasion in the months leading up to August, a teenager got his line tangled on the cables. The Lees were aware of that, but there were no signs warning of

the danger.

Jamie borrowed Daniel's carbon-fibre pole, which has a warning on the handle about the risk of overhead cables. He fitted five sections together, taking its length to 6.3 metres, and moved to a spot under the power cables. As he practised "striking", the top of the pole wrapped round one of the cables, electrocuting him. The case continues on Monday.



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Scots parliament may lose seats in boundary review

A reduction in Scottish representatives at Westminster

will have a knock-on effect, reports Magnus Linklater

A SCOTTISH parliament may not be as large as the Government's devolution White Paper suggests, Reducrions in the number of Scottish MPs serving at Westminster will mean a similar cut-back in Edinburgh. The projected total of 129 members of a Scottish parliament could come down to as few as 111 if boundary commission recommendations are accepted.

Since the membership of a Scottish parliament would be drawn from the eight Euro constituencies as well as the existing 72 seats, a reduction of ten MPs at Westminster would mean a drop of 18 in an Edinburgh parliament

The disclosure emerged yesterday as details of the White Paper were explained at a series of Scottish Office briefings. Announcing the start of a seven-week campaign to win a 'Yes Yes" vote in the referendum on September II. Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary. said he had already detected 'a buzz, a sense of urgency" about the debate.

The possibility of a reduction in the number of Scottish MPs in Edinburgh emerged when civil servants were asked about references to "adjustments" to the size of a Scottish parliament. They pointed out that if, as already indicated, the number of Scotrish MPs at Westminster is reduced, then the size of a Scottish parliament will have to come down as well "so as to maintain the present balance between constituency and addirional member seats" — a reference to the system of proportional representation to be adopted for Scottish

elections. What is more, any alterations to the system could only be made with London's approval: the form of election to operate in Scotland is one of the areas "reserved" to Westminster. However, ministers at Westminster could sit in both parliaments during a

transition period. Whether they will draw double salaries has not been decided. Mr Dewar made it clear that the Labour Party would not favour "dual mandate", as it is known, for long. He said the issue of salaries would be referrred to the Senior Salaries Review Board.

Mr Dewar accepted that the role of Secretary of State would be reduced under the new arrangements but he emphasised that Westminster would continue to retain ultimate sovereignty. However, he denied that this would mean the ability to interfere. especially as this would be a body that was seen to be working. "This is a grown-up parliament with a grown-up role." he said.

Yesterday Henry McLeish. Minister for Home Affairs and Devolution, said the White Paper had resulted in "a lot of interest" among Labour MPs in moving to the Scottish Parliament once it was established.

He admitted that Scottish MPs at Westminster would have less to do once devolution took effect. The bulk of constituency matters that fill a back-

the United Kingdom. Mr Brown issued a warning to the House of Lords not to interfere with the democratic will of the Scottish people. The Lords, he said, had already voted one proposal down, and put down 158 amendments to he Referendum Bill.

plaints about housing, health,

roads and education, will be-

come the responsibility of

members of a Scottish parlia-

ment. He insisted that Scottish MPs would still have an

important voice on matters

reserved to Westminster, such

as defence and foreign affairs.

tend to throw everything into

securing a convincing vote on

the two-question referendum.

Mr Dewar is insistent that

there will be no repetition of

the debacle in 1979 when the

Labour Government's devolu-

tion proposals failed to secure

a sufficient majority. He point-

ed out that by offering an

element of proportional repre-

sentation there was a far

greater degree of unity in

Scotland about the benefits of

a new parliament than there

had been 18 years ago. There

was no longer a view that the

new body would be dominated

by the central belt of Scotland.

Chancellor of the Exchequer,

told a referendum rally at the

Hilton Hotel in Glasgow that

become "an economic power-

house" that would strengthen

Scottish parliament would

Last night Gordon Brown.

Scottish ministers now in-

There was an old doctrine, the Salisbury Doctrine, that without the clear expression of the will of the people, the Lords should be free to interrupt and vote down constitutional reform. The referendum will provide a clear expression. of the will of the people of Scotland. The House of Lords, elected by no one, should think again before voting down or delaying devolution plans and frustrating the will of the

Dewar: has detected a buzz about the debate Philip Howard, page 20



Mr Hume, left, with Mr Ahern and Mr Adams yesterday. "Don't be looking at pictures of the three of us, but at what we said." Mr Hume said

BY AUDREY MAGEE IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

BERTIE AHERN, the Irish Prime Minister, restored official contact with Sinn Fein vesterday when he met Gerry Adams for the first time since

the IRA ceasefire. The talks marked the end of a 18-month ban on contacts between Irish ministers and Sinn Fein imposed after the Canary Wharf bomb which

ended the last IRA ceasefire. The two men, who were joined by John Hume, the Social Democratic and Labour Party leader, reiterated their commitment to the peace process. In a joint statement they said that the problems of

Ahern restores Dublin's contact with Sinn Fein

Northern Treland could only be resolved with the participation and commitment of the Unionist people".

Dublin annoyed Unionists, who described it as a reinforcement of the "pan-Nationalist front". Mr Hume rejected criticism that he. Mr Ahern and Mr Adams were being insensitive to Unionist fears by holding their meet-ing as the Ulster Unionist men. He said: "I would have

join the all-party talks on September 15. He said: Don't be looking at the picture of the three of us but look at what we have said, because we have made clear among our divided people."

Ken Maginnis of the Ulster Unionist Party said he was

Party considered whether to liked to hear them say that consent as agreed in the Downing Street Declaration was paramount to deciding the future of Northern Ireland. But of course they would not do that because Sinn Pein has repudiated any idea of consent being vested in the people of Northern

handshake on the steps of the Irish government offices in 1994 when the first IRA ceaselire was announced.
Then Mr Hume and Mr
Adams engaged in a threepart handshake with Albert Reynolds, then Irish Prime Minister. Yesterday was more muted, with bandshakes ex-

changed backs to camera Mr Adams praised the IRA for its "courageous" decision to call another ceasefire while Mr Ahern said he hoped Unionists would shortly join the talks. "I dearly hope the day could be reached in the not too distant future when we could be here and David Trimble and others would be

Trimble seeks way to join full peace talks

By Martin Fletcher, Chief Ireland correspondent

DAVID TRIMBLE, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, embarked yesterday on a campaign to rally his party behind a new form of Unionism that might allow him to sit down opposite Sinn Fein at full-scale peace negotia-

tions in September.
Mr Trimble proclaimed that his refusal to emulate other Unionist parties by abandoning the peace process this week was a propaganda victory. The IRA's ceasefire was a trap. he told the Belfast Newsletter. Sinn Fein had expected "the usual knee-jerk reaction of Unionists losing their temper, shouting their heads off". By not quitting, the UUP had avoided "an avalanche of negative publicity".

tions" this summer and should receive strong support from church leaders, businessmen and trade unionists among others for joining the negotia-tions even without IRA disarmament. The exercise would be "a way to get into talks without contaminating ourselves," one UUP official said.

But it is a high-risk strategy and Unionist hardliners have effectively destroyed two previous leaders, Terence O'Neil and Brian Faulkner, who dared to accommodate the enemy. Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist Party leader, has said that Mr Trimble in Mr Trimble's own constituency of ever get past the troubles unless Sinn Sinn Fein's bluff and engage confi-Upper Bann Unionist opinion is Fein gets a united Ireland and what dentity in talks.

sharply divided. Unionists on the front line of Northern Ireland's sectarian strife - in a working-class Protestant enclave surrounded by Catholic strongholds off Garvaghy Road in Portadown — strenuously oppose any dealings with Sinn Fein "Peace," exclaimed a man of 46 who served in the security forces. "Gerry Adams couldn't spell the word. The only time we're going to have peace is when we have a civil war and clear IRA-Sinn Fein out of this country."

Peace talks were futile, insisted Norma Elliott, a 31-year-old shop would be "digging his own grave" by assistant who has had two cousins look awful and the nationalists would sitting down with Sinn Fein, and even killed by the IRA. "I don't think we'll have a free run. The UUP should "eall

Labour MPs | Irish police call

have then? It's bad enough now." Across Portadown from Garvaghy Road, where half a dozen UUP activists had gathered at the home of Mark Neale, I young councillor, the tone was markedly different. The idea of falking to Mr Adams and Martin McGuinness was abhorrent, they all agreed, but Sinn Fein was winning the propaganda war and Unionists had to

sort of life would ordinary Protestants

begin using their heads, not their hearts. Abundoning the peace process would play into Sinn Fein's hands, they believed. The Unionists would look awful and the nationalists would

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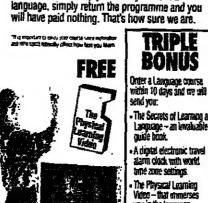
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frey Pernell, 26, were among inmates in Nicosia Central Prison who made the wine by

renew attack on time on remote Welsh assembly islands' drinkers

CHIEF POLITICAL

LABOUR'S plans for a Weish assembly came under further attack from senior party mem-bers yesterday who said that the proposal would damage the working relationship be-tween Wales and the rest of

debate, Ron Davies, the Welsh Secretary, was forced to defend his plans for a directly elected 60-member assembly with a £7 billion budget. He claimed that it would enable Wales to make a fresh start and break away from the

"sleaze and incompetence"

In a five-hour Commons

that dominated politics under the Conservatives. But he came under fire from Alan Williams, the former Shadow Welsh Minister, Denzil Davies, the former Treasury Minister and Allan Rogers, the former Defence

spokesman. The renewed onslaught increases the risk of a backbench revolt if the plans are supported in a referendum on Septem-

Mr Williams, MP for Swan-sea West, attacked the Government's stance on quangos and mocked the Welsh Secretary's decision to involve MPs from across the UK to secure a ves vote. Denzil Davies, MP



defend his proposals

for Llanelli, warned of the between Wales and England. "What we are going to see is a semi-federal Britain and we are going to see England more and more conscious of itself,"

'Mr Rogers (Rhondda) said that although he was strongly in favour of devolution he did not support the current proposals. Stirring up nationalism in Wales was not the way forward, he told MPs.

'Our patriotism, our love of Wales is not based on resentment of the English. We are not fighting for a Wales in Europe," Mr Rogers

But most of the time they Locals felt, however, that as taxpayers they were entitled

to a more committed presence. There is virtually no crime on the islands but the potential increases dramatically in summer when the population of 750 triples. Most visitors are quiet and courteous but groups of get on."

young men on loud and have been disruptive. The islanders want a garda on site in case trouble breaks out, as happened on Rathlin Island off the coast of Antrim last week when thieves stole a car and drave it into the harbour.

. However, the police pres-

ence is being greeted with some trepidation by drinkers.

BY AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A POLICEMAN has been

appointed to two remote is-

lands off the coast of Donegal

for the first time to deal with

late night drinking and row-

dy stag weekends. John Gallagher, a fluent

Irish speaker, will move be-

Gaelic-speaking Tory Island. His brief is to control the

crowds pouring on to the

islands in summer and be

alert to signs of drug snug-

The officer, who is 28 and

single, has been appointed to

the islands after numerous

requests from community

groups for a police presence on the islands. In the past, police made only occasional visits to the islands from their

mainland station at Bunbeg.

Last year, they took the three-

mile crossing to Arranmore

when a tourist was found

dead from natural causes."

gling in the Atlantic.

who have been known to enjoy after hours drinking. Phil Bawn Boyle, one of the seven pub owners, is in two minds about the officer. "I remember 20 years ago a guard came for two weeks." he said. "For the first couple of days it was terrible but then things settled down and people just started coming to left earlier. To tell the truth we were kind of sorry to see him go. Maybe the same will happen with this young lad."

Mr Gallagher's presence will be reviewed in the autumn when his superintendent, John Harley, will consider whether he should remain for the winter. He said: "I think initally he was a bit apprehensive but now he is starting to enjoy it and building up a rapport with the local people. We'll give it a little while to see how they all

British soldiers in Cyprus jail brawl

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

sexually assaulted and killed a Danish woman in Cyprus after a drinking spree joined in a prison brawl after getting drunk on home-made wine. Justin Fowler, 29, and Geof-

not enough to go around. George Anastassiades, the prison governor, said yesterbeen involved but denied there was serious violence. "It was something instantaneous. There were no broken arms or legs, he said.

Fowler and Pernell, and Allan Ford, 29, are serving life sentences for the killing.



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Butlers suffer as new rich make poor bosses

for butlers. The image of an immaculate, unflappable Jeeves firmly but fairly ruling upper-class households has taken a bit of a knock

A bounder called Percival Hole is facing jail after selling his employer's Bentley, and hiring his own butler while he played master of the house in pub. Another butler is alleged to have threatened to throw half of his aged employers he likes. She ashes on the rhubarb patch added: "You after her death and lush half - have to be hudown the lavatory. Mean-while, a former royal builer, lot of people just Michael Hardern, took time off from wearing his sarong to try to turn the Nationwide into

The reason for such antics may be quite simple: you just can't get the employers these

ays. In the shifting sands of late 20th-century society those who employ butlers are now likely not to be ancient aristocratic families but those who have made fortunes in the 1980s. Without experience of hancan quickly deteriorate. "Many of the upper classes can no longer afford domestic staff and are more likely to become butlers than employ them," said Ewa Lewis, social editor of Tatler. "A lot of

people will have never had a butler and don't expect and so the butler does what be likes. She Fearn, a butler

working for a multimillionaire living in Ireland, says the boom in demand for butlers from those wanting a status symbol has caused problems. personally blame the agencies who send people who aren't properly trained and vetted. They need to vet the employers too." Ms Lewis said: "I once employed a

from an agency and got tipsy. He trotted round the table and when the talk turned to racing and he started butting in with tips for the next day. Not only was he drunk but when it came for the guests to leave he stood at the door

and said. Thank 6 If people you for coming, I hope we see you have never again. We didn't ee him again." had a butler Mr Fearn save butlers have the butler more responsican do what I spent 520,000 he likes 9 on wine. You've got to be trust-worthy and re-

spect the person you are working for. Such are the changes that Ivor Spencer, who trains butlers, now also has a short behave properly with their staff. "Before the war there were 30,000 butlers. When I

started in 1981 there were just

70 professionals. Now more

people have butlers because of new money." He said many butlers trained in Britain went to work abroad.

Mr Spencer is hoping to catch the employers early with a month-long course for the children of the super-rich costing a mere £80,000. "The idea is to show them how they can run their own home and staff. It's a lot of money but over the

The training will need to be thorough for poor butler-man-agement can be fatal even for those brought up in the world ers of Nether Lypian Manor in Gloucestershire, which is now home to the Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, were two spinster sisters. Their butler had served them for 40 years when one evening at dinner they told him they were letting him go.

He said nothing, but served gunroom. He then returned with a 12-bore shotgun and killed them.

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Nurses on murder charge may be freed

By RICHARD DUCE

RELATIVES of the two British nurses accused of murder in Saudi Arabia have expressed hope that the case against them will be dismissed tomor-

Deborah Parry and Lucille McLauchlan are to appear before Saudi judges in Al Khobar, As relatives of both women flew out to Saudi Arabia vesterday, Jonathon Ashbee. Miss Parry's brother-inlaw, said that the judges could dismiss the case; rule out premeditated murder, refer the case to a higher court; or proceed with the trial. "While the case could be dismissed, the hearing on Sunday is more likely to give us an indication of where the case is going." Mr Ashbee, from Alton, Hamp-

He said that he and other family members hoped to be women by visiting them in

prison in Damman.

Miss Parry and Miss
McLauchlan face the death penalty if they are convicted of murdering Yvonne Gilford, an Australian nurse. The two British nurses were arrested soon after her death in December. She had been stabbed.

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Camelot is accused of reneging on £1m pledge

By CAROL MIDGLEY

RICHARD BRANSON ac cused Camelot yesterday of "reneging" on a pledge to give E2 for every £1 raised by the Weston Spirit charity, which offers life-changing experiences to young people.

Mr Branson, vice-president

of the charity run by Simon Weston, the Falklands veteran, responded to the pledge by offering £500,000 if Camelot gave £1 million. The Camelot Foundation said it had set a ceiling of £80,000.

Aletheia Gentle, director of the Camelot Foundation set up by the lottery organiser but run independently, accused Mr Branson of using the points, and said there was little chance now of increasing

rejected, is a long-standing critic of Camelot, saying that more profits should go to good causes. Ms Gentle said: "He should know better." The foundation has previously given £120,000 to Weston Spirit, and if it gave £1 million, that would affect other charities.

Mr Branson has given £100,000 to the charity with

Mr Branson, whose own bid to run the lottery was

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Carey yearns to be parish priest again

THE Archbishop of Canterbury revealed his longing to be a parish priest again last night, in a speech about the stresses of his ministry.

During a visit to Australia. Dr George Carey said he looked back on his time as a curate and vicar with affection but also with sadness. "Perhaps it is inevitable but there are many times when I would love to be back at work in a parish again," he said.

Dr Carey's duties as Archbishop are an endless series of brief encounters. In all, he has spent 307 days abroad on 47 overseas trips since he was appointed in 1991. At home and abroad, he has given about 500 speeches. He has made 21 four-day diocesan visits in this country, conducted 44 consecrations and made at least 220 proadcasts.

He is patron or head of more than 300 charities. schools and other bodies. He regularly attends debates at the House of Lords, goes to diocesan, general synod and house of bishops' meetings and hosts or attends vast numbers of receptions, dinners and lunches.

But what he would really love is to return to the "hatch, match and despatch" duties of the average clergyman. His time in the parishes was all too

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brief. He was curate at St Mary's, Islington, north London, from 1962 to 1966, but spent the next nine years as a college lecturer.

He then moved to St Nicholas. Durham, which he transformed from a struggling inner-city church to a thriving, evangelical community and the centre of lively student worship. But after seven years was back in academia, heading a theological college. before becoming Bishop of Bath and Wells in 1987.

For all his love of parish work. Dr Carey said that life could be hard in the Church of England. Addressing clergy and their spouses at St Paul's Cathedral. Melbourne, he described ministry in the Church as a "constant battle" to keep one's faith fresh.

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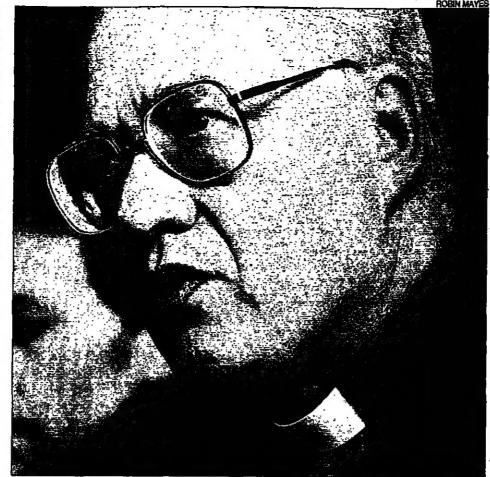
demanding our attention," he said. "There are people to visit, there are talks that need to be prepared, there is correspondence that needs answering, there is the money that needs to be found."

Prayer, Bible study and contemplation could be squeezed out by the pressure, he said, citing the church noticeboard that read: "Don't let worry kill you, let the Church help."

Dr Carey is on a four-week tour of America. Australia and New Zealand. He has endured fraught debates on sexuality that threaten to split the 70-million strong worldwide Anglican communion that he heads, as well as continuing friction over women priests. Although he has been criti-

cised over the time he has spent abroad since 1991, his visits are considered essential before the Lambeth Conference next year, the ten-yearly meeting of archbishops and bishops from nearly 40 Angliprovinces worldwide. With different provinces veering off towards extremes of liberalism, evangelicalism or traditionalism, he has been trying to keep his communion

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Praying for a change in our attitude to worship

Jacqueline Tabick

ome time ago, a child asked me: "Do you would be a better place if everybody prayed?" The uestion, in its simplicity, took me aback. I mean, can you imagine it? A call comes over the radio and everybody stops and says a quick prayer. Would love and peace suddenly break

Much as I hate to admit it, I doubt it. There are societies today where the call to prayer is made, there were even more such societies in the past, but unfortunately, the same injustice, oppression, intolerance, and violence seem extant in so-called religious societies as in secular ones.

So how come all these prayers and yet there seems no corresponding increase in morality? Is it all a waste of time and energy? The answer must lie, as I said to the youngster, in

by "pray". The problem is, prayer takes practice concentration and consistency. and most of us find that a drag on our busy schedule. So,

many try to con-

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specific place of worship, or to one or two days of the year, or even one day a week. leaving the street, home and office free from divine

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in divine worship, it sug-gests trustworthiness and

words And some of course, turn to religion only in a crisis. But what about prayers that acknowledge the greatness and beauty of the universe? If we pray only at times of crisis, helpful though that may be, we run the risk of depleting our spiritual reserves.

And what of those who value prayer only for tradition, a hand-me-down prayer time that has been in the family for a long time and so must be continued, empty though the spiritual life hind it may be.

Prayer is not useless; it is we who are useless at prayer. We have tried to limit it, or we say the words without concentration or understanding the implica-

In Leviticus, we are told that the incense which accompanied the sacrifices must be offered continuous-

ly. That is to say, there can be no part-time religion. To try to turn God into an idol. Prayer is not just a matter the right words said at the right time, it

must determine our attitude to life. A Rabbi in the 13th century, Rebeinu Bachya, wrote: "Psalm 14] says 'Let my prayer come before you as incense, not like a sin offering or a guilt offering. which was brought for sins of action, nor like a whole

Which was not brought to atone for a sin, but for joy place, but today many feel the sheer joy of worship, that religion should know with no ulterior motive." f we can worship God with joy, and let the words we say permeate our actions, just as the smell of incense can perme-

ate clothes, then maybe, yes, if the whole word prayed, it would bring about a difference. ☐ Jacqueline Tabick is associate Rabbi of the West



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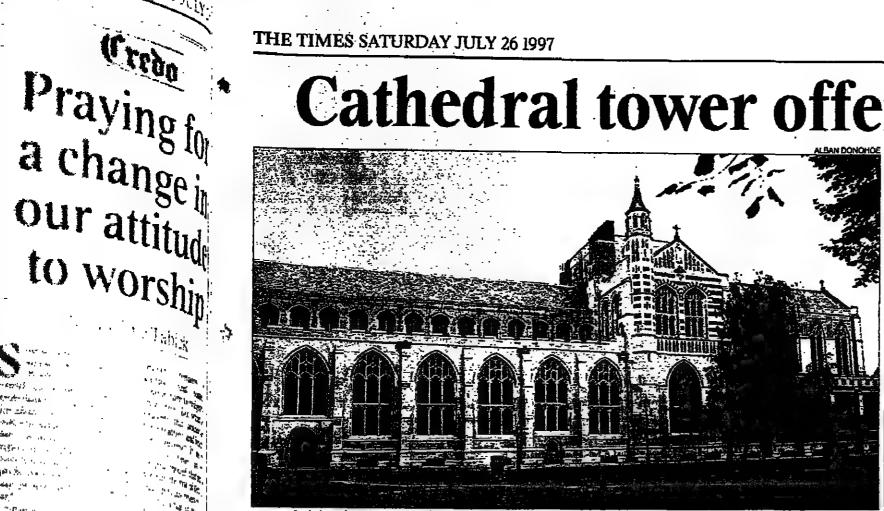
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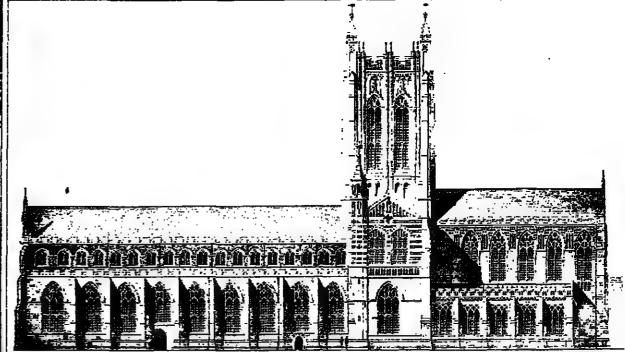
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Cathedral tower offers soaring crescendo





The unfinished cathedral at Bury St Edmunds, and the proposal for a tower in traditional style by Hugh Mathew, who believes the original idea for a spire is flawed. His design is notable for its tall windows

A SCHEME for a soaring tower rising out of the unfinished cathe dral at Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk is unveiled today. An earlier scheme for a tower and spire was rejected last year by the Millennium Commission as "insufficiently distinctive", and a more modest scheme for a shorter tower put forward by the Provost and cathedral council is not under active

consideration by the commission. Alan Powers, who is champion-ing the new design, says: "The cathedral lies low and needs a strong tall tower to register on the skyline. Despite current setbacks the will to complete the tower

remains strong as the cathedral is marred by the exposed concrete

The medieval parish church of St James was given cathedral status when the diocese of St Edmundsbury and ipswich was created in 1913. Over the past 40 years the cathedral has been enlarged, with a cloister and choir designed by the late Stephen Dykes Bower,

The new design is the work of Hugh Mathew who worked as Dykes Bower's assistant on the cathedral. Aged 77, Mr Mathew produce a stunning design. "I worked with Dykes Bower for 14 years, and for the last six I was almost entirely engaged on building the tower base and the tran-

septs," Mr Mathew says. He continues: "I have always felt Dykes Bower's original idea for a spire was wrong ever since I first saw it in 1957. The tower ought to be finished with pinnacles in the traditional manner and the spire omitted." There was also considerable local feeling that the spire,

Mont St Michel in Normandy, was not suitable to Suffolk.

Mr Mathew continues: "The present shorter design is also quite unsuitable. I'm sure Ovkes Bower never wanted it to be used as an alternative. It is not even particularly ecclesiastical in character."

tion from John Wastell, the great 15th-century church architect who lived at Bury and designed the nave of St James. Mr Mathew says: "I

and looked long at all his mouldings. I kept to his style when doing the tower arches at Bury." tower and it needs to be taller."

Mr Powers says: "A taller tower would unify the east and west ends with a crescendo. This is achieved by increasing the decorative carving towards the top and finishing the tower with stepped crenellations or battlements, pairs of pinnacles and elongated pyramids at the corners. Some feel the tower should be reminiscent of other great Suffolk churches, but the

Marcus Binney reports on a proposal for a striking addition to the skyline of Bury St Edmunds the windows very high up come into view. Provision for a central tower at Bury St Edmunds comes the west end and rises straight from this aim. from the ground. By contrast you never see the base of a crossing

When he joined Dykes Bower. Mr Mathew persuaded him to increase the size of the pillars at the crossing. Engineers have recently confirmed that these could take the weight of a taller tower. This would be built in Doulting and Clipsham limestone with inset panels of flush work or knapped flints. Mr Mathew says: "I do hope the cathedral council will have second thoughts. A truncated job will be a

stands almost under the tower do

Monks to welcome royal visitor

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visit the monks of Caldy Island in Pembrokeshire today. It is believed to be the first time in more than 800 years that a member of royalty has been to the island.

Prince Charles will meet villagers and the 15 members of the Cistercian community who sell a range of home-produced goods including perfumes. Brother Gildaf, the

monks' spokesman, said records suggested that the Prince would be Caldy's first royal visitor since Henry L The Prince will be seeing our way of life here and also meeting local families," Brother Gildar said. "A group of Prince's Trust volunieers has also been involved in

schemes on the island." Prince Charles, who will arrive on Caldy by helicopter, is beginning a four-day informal visit to the Principality which has become a regular part of his summer schedule.

JPs advised on how to avoid racist attitudes

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

MAGISTRATES are to be briefed on the religious and cultural practices of ethnic minority defendants, including words that cause offence, in an attempt to reduce racial attitudes on the bench.

The book gives magistrates guidance on the main reli-gions and cultures of the world and explains issues such as why it is inappropriate to use the term "coloured", and the need to keep the Koran in a cloth cover.

Nick Stevens, junior vice-president of the Justices Clerks' Society, said the book-let, Race and Religion, was necessary to help to change attitudes, and perhaps behaviour, among both magistrates and court staff.

He said there had been some concern among magistrates and staff at attitudes to ethnic minorities. "It is not, in my experience, that it has been overt racism. It has been far more misunderstanding and a lack of information about cultures and racial differ-

The guide, to be sent to all 30,000 magistrates next week,

Sikhs and Hindus that facilities for washing hands and feet are available for use, if they wish, before taking the oath; that Muslims hold the dians, and so on." The book, produced jointly

Koran in the right hand; and that the Gita, (Hinduism's Holy Book), the Adi Granth (Sikhism's Holy Book) and the Koran must remain covered except when touched by the The book says that black is

an acceptable way to describe people of Caribbean or African origin and also some young Asians, but it is preferable to refer to black and Asian people. Magistrates are told that coloured, ethnics, half-caste and half-breed are not suitable terms but mixed race and mixed origin are

The guide says: "Immigrants is not acceptable when describing people of minority ethnic communities, because it is likely to be inaccurate, as the majority of black people living in the UK were born

West Indian, though not offensive, is inappropriate to use as a generic term to describe people from the West Indies. People from the West Indies prefer to describe themselves as Jamaicans or Barba-

by the Justices' Clerks' Association and the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, adds: "Oriental is not acceptable. It is imprecise and may be found racist or offensive.

In guidance on religion and culture, magistrates are told signature is a person's word of honour, but it adds that breaking a saucer to make a solemn declaration in court is no longer in practice.

Mr Stevens said it was

hoped the book would help to overcome potential embarrassment, "I think that if a Rastafarian wearing a tam (leather or cloth crown) walked into Birmingham Magistrates' Court it would not be a problem but there might be an entirely different reaction in a rural court.

"It should not be a matter of embarrassment or surprise to anyone when Muslims ask to wash their hands or feet before taking the oath."

Nuns cautioned for jail smuggling

Mr Mathew's new design has

taller windows than currently pro-

posed. Dykes Bower himself wrote:

At York, Lincoln and Canterbury

and many other cathedrals, tall

windows in the central tower

ensure not only that the centre of

the building is well lit but the

illumination is more dramatic for

By A STAFF REPORTER

AN ELDERLY nun caught trying to smuggle tobacco and food into a prison has been given a police caution. Sister Annuntiata, 72. who has received an award from the Princess Royal for devoting her life to helping prisoners, has also been banned indefinitely from Kingston prison.

She was caught with tobacco, eggs and meat in her bags as she made one of her weekly visits as a member of the prison chaplaincy team at the jail in Portsmouth. A new guard asked to search her bags during a routine visit on July 6 and found the goods. Her friend Sister Anna has also been contioned.

The pair belong to the Daughters of Joseph and Mary religious order and live

Hampshire. They were cautioned after admitting to taking "treats" into the prison for inmates serving life sentences. Since their arrest, the two nuns have become rectuses. Sister Evelyn, who is in charge of the centre, said: "They are depressed. They don't even want to meet

are fed up with people asking questions. "My community and I know HMP Kingston quite well and we know Sister Anna and Sister Annuntiata very well, too. We greatly regret the suffering and

us. They don't want to meet anyone. They

pain of their present situation."

Sister Annuntiata has devoted her life to helping the jail's life-sentence prisoners and has been a regular visitor for the past 27 years. She was honoured in 1988 by the Princess Royal who presented her

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terminally-ill lifers.

The two nuns are known as the jail's angels and have established learning facilities at the prison. Sister Evelyn said: The sisters had no bad intentions and meant no harm. Their overall and consuming aim is to be able to contribute towards giving some hope and dignity to the needy at any and all levels."

She said that neither nun wanted to speak about the incident. "It's better to be discreet about these things."

Stuart McLean, the prison governor. said that the nuns would remain suspended from the jail following the police caution, but this would be reviewed. Derek Reeve, the prison chaplain, said: more than 30 years and I have nothing

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Roadside takeaway with extra topping

By A Staff Reporter

PARAMEDICS feared the worst yesterday when they found two men staggering from their wrecked car apparently covered in blood. Unusually, their car appeared to be bleeding too. So did the lorry

that had collided with them. Concern turned to smiles after a simple diagnosis: the lorry had been carrying tons of pizza-topping which coated the crash scene on the Al2 near Colchester, Essex.

The ambulance crew answered a 999 call at 3.30am, after the 38-tonne DAF lorry struck a broken-down Fiat Tipo on the dual carriageway. First reports said that the two men in the car were seriously hurt and trapped in their vehicle. When the paramedics arrived, they found the victims had managed to crawl out but appeared to be bleeding badly. A spokesman for Essex Am-

bulance Service said: "Things looked very serious. The two men in the car were soaked in what looked like blood. But on closer examination, it turned out to be pizza topping. It had burst out of a tank and flooded the car." The two men were taken to

Colchester hospital where the driver, Sadan Yeta, 33, from Chelmsford, was detained with a back injury. His passenger, Nazim Kantarci, 32, also from Chelmsford, was allowed home after treatment

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Britain ready for new investigation of Gulf War gas

By Michael Evans. Defence correspondent

THE Ministry of Defence is admitted that the bombing at hour period, which could have expected to carry out a new assessment of the possible impact of nerve gas on the 50,000 British troops serving in the Gulf in 1991. This follows the latest Pentagon report into the bombing by American aircraft of an Iraqi chemical weapons plant at Khamisiyah in Iraq.

With both the United States and Britain still attempting to discover why thousands of Gulf War veterans are suffering from debilitating illnesses, the dramatically revised Pentagon assessment of the distance a nerve gas cloud may have travelled after the air raids has added to the doubts expressed over previous official statements made about the bombing. When it was first

Khamisiyah had released nerve gas into the atmosphere, the Ministry of Defence said that no British troops were near enough to the plant to be affected by any chemical traces travelling downwind,

The Pentagon's first report on the bornbing assessed the risks on the basis of a 50kilometre (30-mile) radius. The nearest British troops were well outside that zone, although there was one serviceman attached to an American unit who was inside it. However, MoD sources said that he was not suffering from any illness.

The latest Pentagon report says that the nerve gas plume travelled 300 kilometres (almost 190 miles) during a 72-

20,000, The Pentagon also admitted that there had been 26 reported symptoms consistent with nerve gas poisoning.

The exposure figures were based on an analysis of CIA computer models of the plume of poison gas released after US bombers destroyed a depot of sarin-filled rockets at the Khamisiyah plant on March

reached most of the British

units in Iraq. Kuwait and

Saudi Arabia. The nearest

units, the 16th/5th Lancers

and 4 Regiment Army Air Corps, were about 75 miles

However, the Pentagon said

that the direction of the nerve

gas plume was towards Saudi

Arabia and, at that stage, most

of the British troops were in

According to the new Penta-

gon report, about 100,000 American Gulf War troops

were potentially exposed in 1991 to trace levels of nerve gas

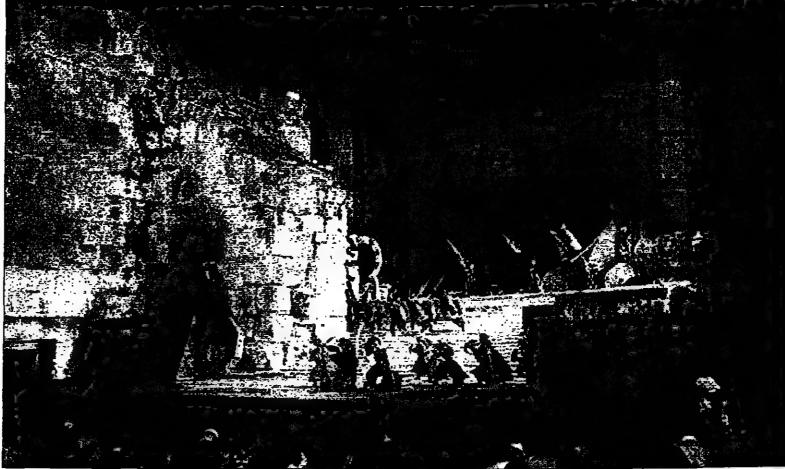
from the bombed Iraqi chemi-

cal weapons plant. Previously,

the official figure had been

away from the Iraqi plant

The maximum exposure occurred on the second day when the plume thickened and spread south and west into Saudi Arabia. One unit that could have been affected was the SAS headquarters, about nine miles from the Saudi-



The Caracalla Dance Theatre performs within the walls of the Roman temple of Bacchus at the opening of this year's Baalbek arts festival

ebanese festival rises from the ruins

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN MICORIA

SEVEN years after the militiamen, kidnappers and car bombers were pensioned off, Lebanon has revived the Baaibek International Festival. once the Middle East's greatest annual cultural and artistic extravaganza.

Before the country was torn apart by the 15-year civil war and Baalbek became a notorious Hezboliah strong hold, thousands of tourists flocked to the ancient city each summer. They came to see the likes of Rudolf Nureyev, Margot Fonteyn, Joan Baez

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Philharmonic perform beneath the floodlit splendour of its exquisite Roman temples. There were famous Arab singers such as Umm Kalthoum and Lebanon's own Fairouz.

The last festival in 1974 lasted six weeks, featured nine spectacles and 32 performances and was attended by 74,000 tourists who cruised to Lebanon on luxury liners or jetted in on chartered planes.

This year's event is understandably more modest. But there was an ecstatic surge of pride among the 2,200 mainly Lebanese speciators when the Caracalla Dance Theatre, a local folk dance troupe, reopened the festival on Thurs-

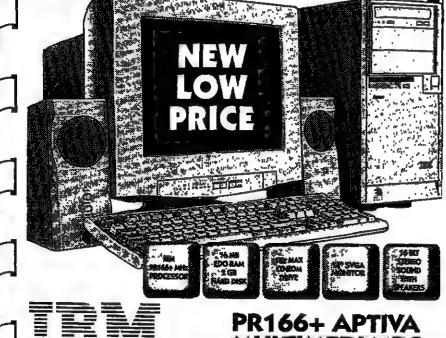
day night after a 23-year break. It will ness as another key milestone on their draw to a rapturous close next Wed-country's road to recovery. The most nesday when the cellist, Mstislav Rostropovich, accompanied by the Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France, plays Beethoven, Dvorak and Berlioz. The Russian maestro last performed at Baalbek in 1969.

'lt's wonderful. It means so much to us. It is the revival of our cultural life and it shows the world that Lebanon is secure," said Nazek Yared, a spokeswoman for the festival.

Like the reopening last December of the Casino du Liban, the glitziest symbol of Lebanon's prewar heyday, the festival's revival is seen by Leba-

vital test of international confidence comes next Thursday when Washington will decide whether to end a ban on its citizens entering Lebanon. imposed in 1985 after Islamic terrorists bijacked a TWA airliner to Beirut and killed an American passenger. Lifting the ban would boost tourism and foreign investment and delight the billionaire Prime Minister, Rafic

Haniri. Many Americans already flout the travel ban. "Put it this way, I feel safer in Baalbek than in New York," said



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Doubts cast on Masada bones

Jerusalem: An Israeli anthropologist believes the Government may have been wrong to identify human remains found at Masada as belonging to ancient Jews (Ross Dunn

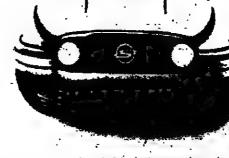
Joe Zias, of the Israel Antiquities Authority, told an inter-national Dead Sea scroils congress that they may have actually been Roman. He said it had not been publicised by Yigal Yadin, the archaeologist he had also found pig bones with the human remains.

Mr Zias' theory could prove embarrassing, as the remains were re-buried at the foot of

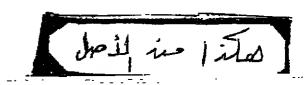


Masada, historic site of Jewish resistance to Rome

Masada in 1969, in a grand ceremony. It was at Masada that a group of Jews in AD 66 captured a Roman fortress. They held it for several years but committed suicide when they faced defeat. Mr Zias said that as it was Roman burial custom to sacrifice pigs, he believed the of Roman soldiers. 2 3 / 0 8 / 9 7









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home saves brothel slaves

EROM ANDREW
DRUMMOND IN BANGKOK

A YOUNG That girl who was kidnapped and made to work in a Malaysian brothel was able to summon help by calling home using a customer's mobile telephone. When police raided the

establishment in the sub-urbs of Kuala Lumpur they found 36 women who had been kidnapped or lured to the brothel, masquerading as a restaurant, and then treated as sex slaves for more than two

Pavecna Hongsakul, a That MP and women's rights campaigner who prompted the raid by both Thai and Malaysian police, told yesterday how most of the "recruits" — Thai, Laotian, Burmese and Cambodian - had been kidnapped and smuggled across the Thai-

Malaysian bonder. Two Thai girls, both students. were lured to the restaurant with promises of good instead all the women

were put to work in a brothel called Max 29. When police at first raided the brothel they found nothing. But by pressing the hand on a statue in one of the rooms, an officer inadvertently opened a secret door which led down a corridor to where the women were held captive.

Since entering the brothel prison, the women, aged from 15 to 25, had not seen daylight for more than twoyears: windows were boarded and barred. They were made to work each night until 4am, servicing customers for the equivalent of £6 a time. The brothel opened again for business for the hunchdrage trade between noon and 2pm. If they were impolite they were caned.

Call to West to censure Asian club over entry for Burma

From A Special Correspondent in subang jaya, malaysia

RELATIONS between the Association of South-East Asian Nations and the West will be tested at the weekend when ministers from both sides meet for the first time since Burma's admission into the booming regional club.

The United States and the European Union are expected to criticise Asean for ending Burma's international isolation, and the Rangoon junta for refusing to respect human rights or restore democracy. Burma, along with Laos,

became a full member of Asean at its annual foreign ministers' meeting here this week. In their final communique yesterday, the ministers formally supported Rangoon by telling the West to stay out of their internal affairs and demanded that sanctions against Burma be lifted.

Britain, one of three countries representing the EU here, led European opposition to Burma's admission. London ordered David Moss, the British High Commissioner to Kuala Lumpur, to boycott the formal admission ceremony on Wednesday. His acting deputy, Stephen Bridges, stood in for him. Mr Bridges said: "Considering the current

ain and Myanmar [Burma], it was inappropriate for us to be represented at such a level."

Britain and other EU countries have frozen non-humanitarian aid to Burma until the junta begins talks with Aung San Suu Kyi, the Nobel Peace laureate who is battling to bring about democratic rule. Mr Bridges said Burma

would not be invited to attend the Asia-Europe meeting (Asem) in London next year. Just because Burma is now a. member of Asean does not mean it will automatically be invited to Asem, even though Asean thinks it should be."

Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of Stare, who arrived here yesterday, said in a speech in Los Angeles on Thursday that the onus was on Asean to precipitate democracy in Burma. "Burma's problems Thavel now become Ascan's problems and the goal of democratic change and respect for human rights in Burma becomes not only a national, but a regional and global, imperative.

However, Abdullah Badawi, the Foreign Minister of Malaysia, said: "Our constructive-engagement relations with Myanmar will be

But he emphasised that they would not be interventionist.

He also rejected speculation that relations between Asean and the West would deterio-rate now that Burma was a member. "We have had, and will have, very frank discus-sions behind closed doors, but our relations should remain

strong." But Ajit Singh, the Asean Secretary-General, admitted yesterday that Burma's presence would probably affect relations with the West. He said: "It does raise issues that we have to consider now, and we will have to address them in the near future."

Asean now comprises Brunei, Burma, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Cambodia was due to join this week, but the coup by Hun Sen, the Second Prime Minister, on July 5 forced Asean to postpone indefinitely its entry. Mr Hun Sen has so far rebulled Asean's efforts to mediate in the crisis.

A Western diplomat said: "It now looks as if democracy is unlikely to be restored quickly to Cambodia. If Asean is not being allowed to do anything, there is no way in which Hun



Burmese students in Bangkok slash their arms in protest at Burma's entry into Asean

Tigers put the bite on currency dealers

BY TIM HAMES

This week's Asean meeting in Malaysia has been dominated by two issues. Admission for Burma and delay for Cambodia proved the central political question. The delicate state of several member countries' currencies was the chief

Mahathir Mohamad, Malaysia's Prime Minister, used his opening address to attack "rogue speculators" engaged in a deliberate attempt to "undermine" regional economies. His pledge to fight back through a common strategy and to all-butcriminalise those responsible was ellected, in fainer more subble terms. in yesterday's final communique. Asean's anger is understandable.

COMMENTARY

South-East Asia has long been considered the the global economy's most dynamic aspect. Growth rates that have often exceeded 10 per cent a year over the past decade have fuelled dramatic booms. The public image has been that of new "Asian Tigers" - Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand — destined to join such established giants as Hong Kong, Japan and South Korea,

This year economic growth re-mains impressive, but has slipped back from the peaks of the early 1990s. All leading currencies, in ne Americar dollar, have suffered some sort of Hong Kong, constituted \$250 billion assault from international specula-

tors, stirring Asean into co-operation reserves - the alliance was considand threats of retaliation. Despite Dr Mahathir's warning, the currencies - the Thai baht, Malaysian ringgit, Indonesian rupiah, Philippine peso, and even to some degree the mighty

Hong Kong dollar - face renewed

devaluation pressure. Thailand has already been defeated. An early attack on the baht was resisted in Bangkok. In a display of strength and solidarity several Asean members, with Australia, Hong Kong and Japan, promised intense central bank co-ordination to ward off such intrusions. As the combined reserves of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand - or about a fifth of all global ered impressive.

At first this display of solidarity proved effective. An attempt in May at a run on the baht was halted by measures that included closing off foreign access to those markets where the Thai currency was exposed.

peculators took billions of dollars in losses. Even me re-nowned entrepreneur George Soros was said to have suffered, Asean claimed a complete triumph over the markets that had destroyed the more-established European exchange rate mechanism five years

tional money dealers came back, pushing Thailand into ever more incredible interest rates as a consequence. On July 2 the Government buckled, allowing the baht to float downwards. It has since devalued by about 20 per cent in little more than 20 days. Speculators, muscles flexed. have now raised the heat on other

Virtually all Asean members suffer from an intense dependency on foreign capital-inflows that can be moved quickly. They have substantial overseas debt and expanding budget and trade deficits.

local currencies.

Long-term, the Tiger potential still exists for some. But Dr Mahathir's indignation will not alter the current fragility of his or his neighbours'

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Montserrat evacuation ruled out

day that it would not evacuate the remaining inhabitants of Montserrat and was committed to helping the islanders overcome the effects of the volcanic eruption there (Michael Binyon writes). Baroness Symons, a Foreign Office minister, said Britain was committed to providing enough longterm aid to make the island viable. Only the northern part is now inhabitable and Plymouth, the capital, is deserted

Policeman jailed

Johannesburg: A traffic po-liceman in KwaZulu/Natal who killed a British motorcyclist while under the influence of alcohol was yesterday jailed for five years (Inigo Gilmore writes). Pierre du Plessis, who was convicted of culpable homicide in Purt Shepstone for the death of Kevin Bradley. said he would appeal. Brad-ley's family had written to President Mandela asking for justice in the case.

Marseilles fire

Marseilles: A forest fire threatened the northern suburbs here, forcing the evacua-tion of more than 550 people and injuring 2! firelighters. officials said. About 600 firemen, using water-carrying planes and two helicopters. were battling the flames, which had burnt more than 370 acres of pine trees and scrub by late afternoon. (AP)

Kinshasa deaths

Kinshasa: Three people were shot dead and five injured by soldiers in the capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo, during a march by about 1.000 opposition activists. The demonstrators were protesting against President Kabila's banning of political activity. (Reuter)

Time for a break

Quito: Milagros Barahona. Ecuador's oldest prisoner at 87, is on the run after he fled from a hospital where he had He was serving eight years for selling illegal drugs. (AFP)

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'Untouchable' leader breaks caste barrier

India's dispossessed believe Narayanan's success means that their hour is coming, reports Christopher Thomas

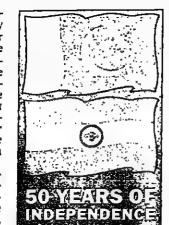
INDIA'S 150 million Untouch ables were in awe yesterday as one of their number travelled in a black limousine and then a horse-drawn carriage on his way through the splendour of Lutyens's imperial Delhi to be installed as the nation's tenth president. It represented more than a simple, if enormous, victory for the dispossessed: it carried the bigger message that caste can he beaten.

Kocheril Raman Narayanan, 76, a former career diplomat and the country's Vice-President for the past five years, becomes head of state, supreme commander of the armed forces and the maker and breaker of prime ministers in a country beset by political uncertainty. His ragsto-riches story is a rare exambeing born into untouchability, the most sophisticated system of mass repression. Less than three weeks from

its 50th independence anniversary, India is reminded by President Narayanan's achlevement that caste is not the prison it was, even if it still usually defines who a person marries and, to some extent. the occupation that is pursued. The cracks in caste give hope to the downtrodden, but threaten the stability of a society held together by its

strict codes of living.
The equality being demanded by Untouchables (or Dalits. the oppressed) threatens the dominant position of northern India's higher castes, throwing the Hindu heartland into a turmoil of change. Southern India long ago did away with Brahminical power, or at least most of it: the changes in the teeming north, however, reverberate louder and deeper.

President Narayanan will be a restraining voice as independent India enters its second half-century, articulating the aspirations of the disadvantaged majority as market forces replace five-year plans and leave the poor more



vulnerable. He is the greatest hero of Dalits since Bhimrao Ambedkar, educated in New York as a lawyer by the liberal Maharajah of Baroda, became chief architect of the constitution. Towards the end of his life he renounced Hinduism for Buddhism to escape his caste — a hopeless gesture many Dalits continue to

Mahatma Gandhi, who coined the hated nomenclature Harijans (Children of God) for Untouchables, has no place in the hearts of those for whom he spoke. He never demanded the destruction of caste, merely its modification,



hearts of Untouchables

and for that he is unloved by Dalits despite all he did.

Amhedkar's exalted status among Untouchables came late, beginning in the 1960s after he was dead. Ambedkarisation is now en-

gulfing the Hindu heartland. Government buildings, parks, roads, hospitals, guest houses and town districts are being built and named after him. Statues are appearing on hundreds of prime sites at enormous cost, sometimes at the instigation of high-caste politicians who realise they must bow to caste inferiors.

Untouchables feel their hour is coming, a dangerous optimism that may prove premature. But it does seem unlikely that India will tolerate another Brahmin Prime Minister: Jawaharlal Nehru was the first, P. V. Narasimha Rao perhaps the last. Northern India's Brahmins, merely 3 or 4 per cent of the population, are finally losing their grip on privilege.

President Narayanan is seen as the new voice of Ambedkar, speaking for India's conscience, bringing dignity and international diplomatic experience to the highest office in the land.

Patna: Laloo Prasad Yadav, a Bihar state political leader with great influence over India's central government. resigned yesterday after a judge ordered his arrest on corruption charges. MrYadav's wife, Rabri

Devi, was named by party members to finish his term. She is not a state assembly member, but was expected to be sworn in later yesterday. A.R. Kidwai, the Governor, did not immediately announce whether he had accepted the resignation.

A police report listed charges against 56 people in connection with the theft of tens of millions of dollars earmarked to buy animal feed for state-run dairy farms. All the accused, including



Pakistan missile test spurs arms race

that it has successfully fired an indigenously produced surface-to-air missile marks an escalation of the arms race with India.

South Asia's two most powerful countries are among the few nations in the world still increasing defence spending.

The Defence Ministry in Islamabad said the Anza missile was tested from a site 60 miles from Islamabad, along with an anti-tank guided missile. The announcement comes at a time of suspicion that China is selling the shortrange MII missile to Pakistan and helping to build a factory for its manufacture:

It also coincides with Pakistani claims that India is making "progressive" moves to position its own Prithvi short-rance missiles on the Yadav, deny the charges. (AP) Indo-Pakistan border. Islam- "mature", a rare public tribute dollars developing the weap- identified a possible M11 fac- system", she added. (AP)



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Indo-Pakistan rhetoric has cooled but suspicions remain over nuclear ambitions, writes Christopher Thomas in Delhi

abad said its anxieties had been increased by reports in Washington that a handful of the missiles had been moved to the border. Delhi has denied the reports.

Pakistan's reaction to the claim has been uncommonly low key - part of a new trend as both countries seek to moderate the shrill rhetoric that has marked most of the past 50 years of cross-border

Indian commentators have described Pakistan's response to the Prithvi controversy

to its longstanding enemy. The sight of Nawaz Sharif, the Pakistani Prime Minister, and Inder Kumar Gujral; his Indian counterpart, hugging and shaking hands — as well as chatting to each other in three shared languages — has done much to scale down the familiar Indo-Pakistan slanging match. But suspicions remain high, and deployment of the Prithvi cannot be ruled out as India's reply to continued

miri separatists. India has s pent billians of

Pakistani support for Kash-

ing nuclear warheads. It is a matter of national pride, as is the nuclear programme. Any decision to deploy Prithyi on the border with Pakistan would almost certainly bring a swift response. The missile has been developed specifically to be targeted at Pakistan; the longer-range Agni has been developed to strike inside

on, which is capable of carry-

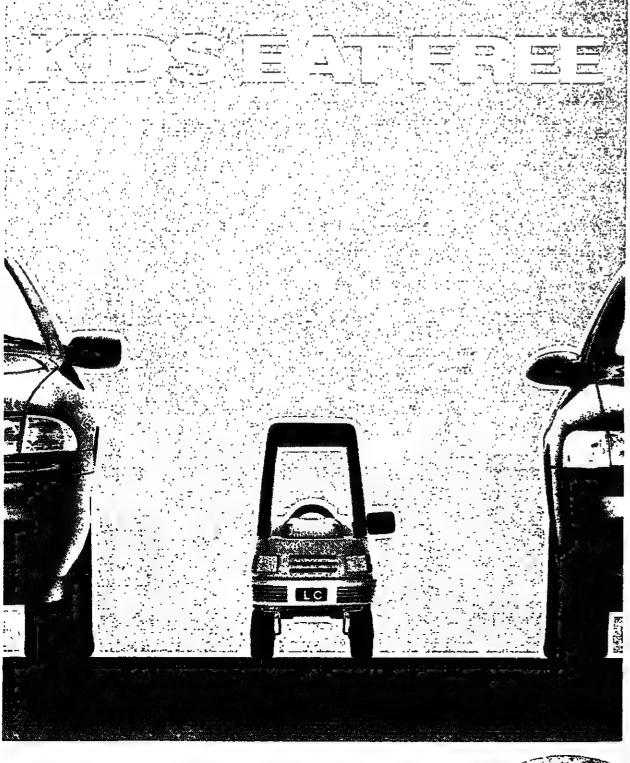
The United States imposed trade sanctions on China in 1981 and 1993 for sending Mill components to Pakistan, but these penalties were lifted in 1994 after Beijing pledged to abide by international agreements prohibiting the sale of such weapons. The US Central intelligence Agency is convinced China is reneging on the promise.

American satellites

distance from Islamabad, the Pakistani capital. India and Pakistan have the technology to build nuclear weapons, and the race to develop ballistic missiles to deliver them has reached a decisive phase.

Washington's displeasure with India's nuclear programme has been heightened by the proposed sale of two Russian nuclear reactors to Delhi. Attempts by the US to persuade Russia to cancel the deal have failed.

Colombo: Benazir Bhutto. the former Pakistani Prime Minister, urged India to withdraw its missiles from striking range of Pakistan. Visiting Sri Lanka, Ms Bhutto, now Opposition Leader, blamed the West for failing to stop India. Pakistan has "nuclear know-

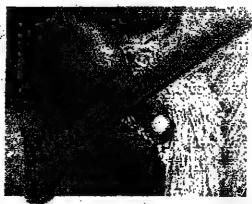


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ying for Church to pay abused altar boys \$119m

IN LOS ANGELES

A TEXAS jury has made legal history and dealt a grave blow to the Roman Catholic Church, ordering the diocese of Dallas to pay \$119 million (£70 million) in damages for ignoring a "mountain of evidence" and covering up the long-term serval abuse of U. long term sexual abuse of II altar boys by a priest.

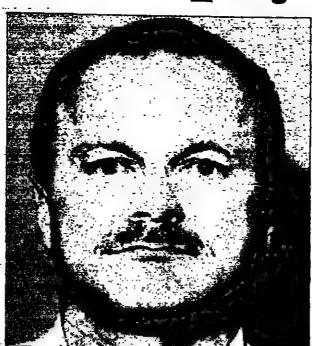
The damages, thought to be previous judgment of its kind, should send a message to "the bishops of United States and of the world — including Rome — that this kind of abuse must stop", a lawyer for the boys said after the verdict was read in a packed Dallas court on Thursday Rudolph Kos, now de-

frocked and awaiting trial on criminal molestation charges, routinely spent the night with boys in his charge and, even in public, would "rub them against him" as if they were a towel with which he was drying himself, according to church correspondence presented at the trial.

Lawyers for the diocese never contested the charges of systematic abuse of the boys aged 11 to 18 by Kos during his Il years as a pastor in three Dallas churches. Nor did they contest the claim that molestation led one of Kos's victims, 22-year-old Jay Lemberger, to commit suicide in 1992.

"This diocese was clearly wrong, but at the time it was making what it thought were reasonable judgments," Randal Mathia, a church attorney. said of senior churchmen's. failure to discipline or reassign Kos, despite repeated warnings from his colleagues.

Thursday's verdict came as a stinging indictment of



Rudolph Kos, awaiting trial for criminal molestation

issue that has simmered for decades and is now likely to resurface in courts across the country. Settling pending sex abuse cases could now cost the Catholic Church in America well over \$1 billion, the Rev Tom Economus, who has studied such cases, told Dallas Morning News. The church has already spent up to \$650 million settling similar cases, another expert said.

Protocol was cast aside in Judge Anne Ashby's court after the verdict. A statement from the jury read by the judge asked the church to admit your guilt and allow these young men to get on with their lives". It brought a 30-second standing ovation from observers after which Judge Ashby removed her robe and sat down next to

several of the abused men, now aged 18-31, who testified against Kos. "I have been so close to your tragedy. It just breaks my heart," she said.

Kos, who now works as a legal assistant in San Diego. was first assigned to North Saints Church in Dallas in 1981 and within a few months was inviting boys to spend a night with him in his rectory room, the plaintiffs testified.

As early as 1985 a superior complained to top church officials about the sleepovers but Kos was not removed from pastoral work until the first official complaint from a teenage victim in 1992.

Robert Hultz, whose share of Thursday's verdict was \$6.8 million, gave anguished testimony of submitting to oral sex shower which the pastor said would "cleanse him with holy water". Plaintiffs also testified that Kos regularly gave them alcohol and diazepam, a mus-

When asked after the trial what he would do if he saw Kos again, Mr Hultz said: "I think I would kill the man. I have lost ten years of my life.

The damages are intended to compensate him for future mental anguish and loss of earnings owing to psychological problems. Most of the \$119 million is likewise intended for future counselling and health care costs for Kos's

Outside the court, Nancy Lemberger whose son Jay triggered the investigation of Kos by committing suicide, said her son had been "murdered by the Dallas diocese".

Kos effectively admitted molesting boys earlier this year, telling the Dallas Morning News he could not remember "which ones I had sex with". though he has written to Bishop Charles Grahmann of Dallas denying some of the charges against him. He is unlikely to be held personally liable for any of the damages since under Texas law he is considered insolvant.

The diocese has said it is considering an appeal. It is insured by Lloyds of London, whose legal representative at the trial, Richard Johnson, hinted at a possible struggle for the church should it claim the damages from Lloyds.

□ New York: There are enormous variations in wealth between one diocese and another (Tunku Varadarajan writes). The diocese of Dallas, however, is regarded as one of America's wealthiest, its annual income has been estimated at over \$500 million.



Nethan Nichols, one of Kos's victims, hugs another plaintiff after the Dallas court announced its verdict

Wealthy New Yorkers bemoan invasion of Hamptons hideaway

Hamptons, the fabled Long Yorkers with Old Money, are complaining that their Eden

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is going rapidly to the dogs. Muttering darkly of mutiny, many are indignant about the latest invasion of their wellgroomed privacy. Helicopter-loads of Germans bearing maps have descended on the area, intent on having their slice of life a la Gatsby.

The Hamptons — which is

what Americans call the south fork of Long Island — is New York city's playground. Its little hamlets — Southampton. Bridgehampton, East Hampton. Sag Habor to name but a. few - are havens to which the wealthy flock in summer.

The south fork has some of the finest beaches in the world, but to many residents that feature is now academic. Michael Thomas, a columnist for The New York Observer, says: The beaches are as crowded now as Lexington Avenue on Christmas Eve. You've got to get there at eight in the morning to stand any chance of finding a place to lie

Mr Thomas talks wistfully of the days before the Wall Street boom of the 1980s propelled its nouveaux riches hordes to his gentle shores. "Where there were once a few hundred visitors in summer. there are now thousands. The beaches are packed. The roads are clogged with cars. There's no parking space to be had by any means other than murder. We're an insecure people. We think it's better to be in the

right place and be uncomfort-

able than in a less well-known

place and have the time of our

lives," he added.

this once idyllic setting, indignant residents complain to Tunku Varadarajan Charles Dubow echoes this

You have to murder for a car space and

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lament. He is the great-great grandson of B. F. Goodrich. who founded the tyre manufacturing company, and also descended from John Cabell Breckinridge, who was Vice-President of America from 1857 to 1861. His family has kept a home in The Hamptons for decades, Now, he can "hardly bear to go some-

He says: "The place is not dead, but it's in awful decline. It was once charming, unpre-tentious and gentle. You had village shops selling goods to the residents. Now you've got Raiph Lauren boutiques and Donna Karan outlets. The parties have changed, too. Where once the conversation was about art, or Jackson's latest painting, all they talk about now is how much they paid for their co-op apartment



in Park Avenue." The Hamptons, explains Mr Dubow, are paying for their proximity to New York. Not only has it served as a magnet to "Wall Street brokers who now think they're polo players", it has also attracted the likes of Steven Spielberg and Calvin

This, in turn, has brought gawkers. Mr Dubow has lost count of the number of times someone has tapped him on the shoulder and asked him if he knows where Spielberg lives. "It's a veritable plague," he says, "like modern-day

Mr Thomas is angry about the destruction of the landscape: "There used to be great, vast fields where potatoes were grown. There were lovely cornfields too. They've all gone now, or are going. The fertile fields of The Hamptons are now given over exclusively to the cultivation of stockbro-

kers' homes." These buildings, which Mr Dubow decribes as "unattractive and modernist", have mushroomed everywhere. robbing The Hamptons of the idyllic nature which drew brokers there in the first place. "One day," says Mr Thomas, "people will wake up and discover that nobody's enjoying this any more ... I'm going to go Jamaica next summer. It has the same temperature, the same warm sea, and far fewer idiots."

President of Peru 'was born in Japan'

By Gabriella Gamini

A PERUVIAN magazine has published evidence indicating that President Fujimori may have lied about his age, and falsified documents to conceal that he was born in Japan rather then Peru — in order to be eligible for the presidency.

Under the Peruvian constitution, anyone born outside the country is banned from the presidency.

Caretas magazine published an immigration document, signed by Señor Fujimori's mother, Monsue Fujimori, in which she had declared she was entering Peru in 1934 with two children under the age of ten. President Fujimori and his sister Juana are the oldest of five children. The document contradicts the President's claims that he is 58 and that his parents did not have children

when they arrived in Peru. The magazine printed a copy of a tampered christening certificate, which has been evidently corrected where it asks for place of birth. "Lima, Peru, was so obviously written in over the word Japan." said Cecilia Valenzuela, the journalist who has been investigating the story for the past four years. "It's not even that difficult to read traces of what has been blotted out."

But a cousin of the President in Japan said the magazine article was a hoax. Nobuo Ishihara, 68, said: "It's completely groundless." The city hall in Kumamoto, southem Japan, the hometown of the President's parents, denied there is any record of him being born in Japan.

Cosby 'daughter' guilty of extortion

By TUNKU VARADARAJAN

THE 22-year-old woman who claims to be the daughter of Bill Cosby was found guilty yesterday of attempting to extort \$40 million (£25 million) from the popular entertainer.

head vigorously from side to side, cupped her hand over her mouth, and wept aloud as the Manhattan Federal court jury found against her after three days of intense deliberacarries a maximum penalty of 12 years in prison. She was also found guilty of conspiracy and crossing state lines to commit a crime.

Co-defendant Jose Medina. 51, was convicted of the same three counts. A third defendant, Boris Sabas, 42, was convicted of conspiracy and crossing state lines, but acquitted of extortion charges.

Earlier, the judge had in-

tion. Jackson will be sentenced on October 22. The offence structed the jury that the question of Jackson's paternity, which she had made the cornerstone of her defence. was irrelevant to the extortion Yesterday, Robert Baum,

the woman's lawyer, insisted that the paternity question would be relevant to the sentencing. He described his client as "devastated by verdict, and inconsolable".

The nub of the case was relatively simple: Jackson was accused of trying to extort money from Mr Cosby by threatening to take the story of her alleged paternity to a supermarket tabloid if he did not pay her \$40 million.

"I need monies and I need monies now," she threatened. Mr Cosby decided to inform the FBI after Jackson sent a letter to CBS television saying that he — "the world's most famous father" - had "left his daughter cold, penniless and



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ROBIN COOK, the Foreign Secretary, sets off on Monday for Bosnia with a blunt warning to the Bosnian Serbs that unless they begin implementing the Dayton peace accords they could face new sanctions. lose Western aid and come under increasing political and military pressure.

But yesterday Biljana Plav-

that Radovan Karadzic, the former Bosnian Serb leader. and other war crime suspects could not be extradited to the international war crimes tribunal in The Hague.

"According to our constitution, not only Karadzic but no one else can be extradited. The extradition is forbidden by our constitution," Mrs Playsic told reporters in her power base in

Muslim and Croatian leaders. Mr Cook will detail the allies' extradition demands, reiterated by Naro in Portugal last month and at the Madrid summit, as well as practical steps to create a unified and functioning Bosnian state.

"| expect some frank exchanges - particularly on the need for reintegration within the Dayton framework, but also on war criminals, corrup-

will tell Bosnia's factional leaders that progress towards normalising civilian life has been "seriously inadequate", and he will insist that they abandon ethnic-based politics and allow the return of refugees, the opening of frontiers and the handing back of

Among the measures that Nato insists must be implemented are: convening the

met for months; naming ambassadors to represent a unified Bosnia overseas; implementing citizenship and passport laws not based on ethnicity and adopting flags and symbols for the whole country; operating a unified civil aviation system so that flights could come into Bosnia's airports; putting forward an economic reconstruction plan; and extending the dead-

Mr Cook is prepared for some harsh words and angry

demonstrations, especially by Serbs infuriated by the recent British operation to arrest two wanted war crime suspects in Prijedor. British officials said he was prepared for the Serbs. who have been throwing grenades at Nato vehicles and installations, to "make a noise" during his visit. But the officials said the raid had

in recent days that they're prepared to act as well as to talk," a senior official said.

Mr Cook will visit Mrs Playsic in Banja Luka to encourage her in her life-ordeath struggle against Dr Karadzic and his hardline supporters in Pale. "Playsic is no angel. But you have to make bread with the small amount of flour you've got. and that's where we are. She

who support her that Dayton should be implemented," an official said.

Yesterday Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, on a visit to Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, gave a veiled warning of further military snatches. and suggested that the international community would not tolerate the presence of war criminals in Bosnia

Yeltsin tells demoralised army to trust in reforms

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT YELTSIN expressed his sympathy yesterscripts and unpaid officers" of Russia's demoralised armed forces, while insisting that his plans for military reform were the only way to restore their effectiveness and prestige.

Mr Yeltsin, speaking during a regular weekly radio address to the nation, said that he was deeply concerned about the conditions faced by the armed forces, many members of which have been unpaid for months. In some remote regions, soldiers face acute food shortages, leading to reports of starvation and

"My heart aches for our hungry conscripts and for our officers who are not paid on time, for their families roaming about for years with nowhere to live." he said. "That is why I have taken the situation in the armed forces under my personal control."

President Yeltsin yesterday repeated his pledge to pay all officers their overdue wages by September.

The Russian military has suffered a drastic decline since the collapse of Soviet power. With massive cutbacks, topinefficiency, prestige in the once-mighty military machine plummeted after Russia's humiliation in Chechnya.

The recall of Russian forces from former Warsaw Pact countries also caused a catastrophic shortage of housing for officers, thousands of whom have been living in tents, railway carriages or disused farm buildings with their families.

Their financial plight has driven scores to suicide. Earlier this week, an army colonel died of burns after pouring

petrol over himself and setting himself alight near a Metro Suicide is also common in the lower ranks, where conscripts have to endure the system of dedovshchina, a ritual of cruelty and sexual abuse meted out by NCOs to new recruits. while officers usually turn a blind eve.

Draft-dodging has become the rule rather than the exception, to the extent that almost anyone with money, influence or reasonable intelligence will find a way to gain exemption. Desertion is commonplace. Mr Yeltsin has long spoken

of the need to transform Russia's huge, amorphous conscript army into a smaller, efficient professional force. better equipped to deal with the demands of the post-Cold War era. But he faces tough opposition from the military itself. Two months ago he dismissed General Igor Rodionov, the Defence Minister, for failing to implement reforms.

The new incumbent. General Igor Sergeyev, has pledged to cut back troop numbers by 500,000 to 1.2 million by the end of next year, to reorganise and merge army units and to privatise some Defence Minis-

But the plans are vigorously opposed by influential figures within the armed forces. Last month Lev Rokhlin, the popular general who heads the State Duma's defence committee, wrote an open letter to Mr Yeltsin denouncing the reforms, which he said amounted to the ruin of the armed forces.

General Rokhlin has been backed by the Communists and other main opposition groups, as well as several senior army figures, including General Rodionov.



THESE officers and their mountain bikes will start patrolling the Bois de Boulogne in Paris next week as the ecologically efficient answer to cracking down on prostitution there (Ben Macintyre writes). The Paris cycling police, disbanded in 1984, were known as les hirondelles (the swallows) due to their flowing capes and peaked-caps, but the latter-day version is

Cycle cops to stop Paris sex pedlars

kitted out in modern uniforms, including cycle shorts and baseball caps for hot days. On Monday two teams of 12 police officers, both men and women, will begin patrolling the Bois de Boulogne and the Bois de Vincennes, the popular wood-land parks to the east and west of

Paris. A spokesman for the Paris prefecture said that the new force would clamp down on kerb-crawling in the woods by "guaranteeing safety, especially that of young people against physical attacks and sexual crimes". More than 2,600

tion in the Bois de Boulogne in 1994. In 1950 Paris had a force of 5,000 bicycle police, but these gradually gave way to police motorbikes and squad cars. The city authorities recently introduced a network of cycle lanes in the French capital and

deploy mountain-bike officers throughout the city since they can often cut through the traffic jams faster than their motorised colleagues. However, many of the cycle lanes are ritually ignored by Parlsians and the new fleet of cycle cops will have the additional and highly dangerous task of trying to prevent motorists from driving down them at speed.

More rain and rising Oder put 20,000 Germans at risk



BY DEBORAH COLLCUTT

THE 14,000-strong force battling unst the worst flooding in Germany this century had to abandon a long section of a river yesterday after strong currents surged through defences.

Low-lying villages on the Polish and German sides of the Oder river were inundated after a dyke between Brieskow-Finkenheerd and Eisenhüttenstadt collapsed.

While the situation in flood-battered Poland and the Czech Republic, where 128 people have died, has become stable. Germany faces the worst of the disaster this weekend, with 20,000 people facing evacuation. The authorities are very concerned that they cannot hold back the swollen Oder any longer after managing to contain the

floodwaters by shoring up weakened. About 20,000 residents in Oderbruch. they believe the region will be flooded for at least another two weeks. The big fear is that river defences will not hold out that long.

The dykes are not designed to withhold such extreme pressure over a prolonged period of time," said Rainer Speer, a Brandenburg official. "The situation is becoming more critical

with every day that passes."

More than 6,000 residents from villages to the south of the main border town with Poland, Frankfurt an der Oder, were evacuated early yesterday. Dykes north and south of the town are being breached and by last night the flooded area had extended in a 50-mile radius from the Polish border.

dykes with millions of sandbags. Even where the Oder, flowing from Poland, if the unseasonally wet weather clears and the Neisse river, from the Czech homes today if water levels rise as high as experts predict. Heavy rains deluged the entire region yesterday and more is forecast for this weekend and next week.

A force of police officers, firemen, 8,300 soldiers and local volunteers have been working day and night in Brandenburg to keep the flood waters

In Poland and the Czech Republic thousands have been made homeless and farmers are facing financial ruin. The cost of the flood damage to the entire region has so far been put at hundreds of millions of pounds and the bill is still rising.

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Surrealist poet divides French along party lines

FESTIVITIES to mark the centenary of the birth of Louis Aragon, the celebrated French poet, kicked off at the Avignon Festival last week with "an evening of hommage" organised by the Communist Party, a concert by the cellist Mstislav Rostropovich and a hlazing literary-polit-

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Fifteen years after his death at the age of 85, Aragon remains a source of embarrassment to France's elected authorities and enduring controversy within the ranks of the modern Communist

Party. One of France's most venerated love-poets and novelists, homme de lettres, a founder member of the Surrealist movement, a heroic Resistance fighter and a patriot whose verses gave heart to a deeply demoralised nation. He was also a die-hard Communist from the 1920s, churnAVIGNON FILE by BEN MACINTYRE

contemporary, "as ruthless as a Soviet secret police chief. Aragon's fawning obituary of Stalin began: "Only once before in my life have I felt such a sense of sorrow and

Robert Hue, the leader of deserves on the centenary of

Rostropovich was a close friend of Aragon, but while happy to perform Bach's fifth suite in his memory last week, the Soviet-born cellist was anxious to emphasise: This is a gesture of artistic friendship."

Aragon remains a cult figure on the French far-left and many Communist candidates took advantage of this year's centenary to quote the poet, length, during the election campaign when the Commu-nists won 38 seats and the balance of power.

But M Hue is painfully aware that the poet is a politically dubious ligure-head for the reformed Communist Party. As Pierre Daix, magazine Lire, many French people have an image of Aragon as a doddery old man ... going to pick up a medal from the Soviet Emmark his 75th birthday."

It is precisely this impression of Aragon that M Hue is determined to play down. The party leadership has emphasised the poet's years as a Surrealist rather than those as as a Stalinist -- convenientforgetting that the Surrealcondemned by the Communist Party.

Already some on the left of

as a literary, rather than as a the party have suggested that Aragon is being "sanitised", but the party leadership is insistent that Aragon "bepolitical figure". On his death in 1982, Aragon was accorded an official Communist Party funeral at longs to all the French, to which Pierre Mauroy, the

Aragon: Communist Party attempting to play down his years as a Stalinist then Socialist Prime Minister, paid tribute. The celebrations (and argument) will culminate on October 4, the centenary of Aragon's birth.

That gives the new Socialist Prime Minister, Lionel decide whether to attend the ceremony - and appear to condone Aragon's political views — or avoid it, thus annoying his Communist allies and inviting charges of disrespect towards one of

Cue for stage fright

mann, the new Culture Minister, could have wished for a better cue when she arrived in Avignon to explain how the Socialist Government would promote the arts.

In her first public address.

Mme Trautmann spoke movingly of France's impoverished cultural institutions and of the importance of new initiatives in arts funding. The situation is catastrophic." she said. amid the splendours of the Pope's

But Mme Trautmann's adal Meeting might have been rather more telling if, the day before, the Government had not decided to lop FFrl.3 billion (£126 million) off the culture budget, reducing it by roughly 10 per cent. "I ask to be judged on what I will do after this black year." she pleaded, which was rather like telling a theatre audience to come back when the performance gets better.

At the same event last year. M Jospin brought the house down when he told the Avignon audience that a Socialist government would aim to spend a massive I per cent of the entire national budget on culture.

At the end of her brave performance, the audience of 500 elected officials, writers, actors, directors and other artists applauded unenthusiastically. Mme Trautmann exited, stage Left. There was no demand

us alone." M Hue remarked in Avignon. "It would be good if France paid hornage to his talent, his great genius, and I

ing out propaganda for the party and, in the words of one

personal loss, and that was after my mother's death." the French Communist Party. has accused the French cultural authorities of failing to accord Aragon the honours he

Aragon, while he was one last breath, does not belong to

Gnome terror sweeps South

FRANCE'S most shadowy terrorist group has struck fear into garden ornamentalists throughout Avignon by stealing 15 plastic gnomes from the garden of a retired police

chief.

The Front de Liberation de Nains de Jardins (Front for the Liberation of Garden Gnomes) has carried out several such operations over the past year, carrying off the tiny bearded fellows in what appears to be a committed campaign to bring better taste to France's back gardens. The gnomes are repainted and "released" in the wild.

Auguste Catelan woke up last week to find that his entire collection of gnomes, widely

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climbdown by saying its em-ployees would still be allowed

to make marketing calls on

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America Online customers were enraged not only by the plan, which was due to take

effect at the end of this month,

but also by its failure to tell

them in advance. On Thurs-

day, it sent a letter informing

them that they could opt not to

receive telemarketing. That

change has been welcomed

The company said it had planned to sell the personal

details only to CUC Interna-

tional, a seller of discount

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it struck a \$50 million (£30

million) marketing deal this year, and to Tel-Save, seller of

cheap, long-distance phone

calls, and its partner in a

\$100 million marketing pact.

phone calls.

behalf of other companies.

regarded as one of the finest in the region, had been removed. The abductors left a polite note: "The FLNI wishes you a very good Hitherto the front has restricted its opera-

shall be pointing this out to the French authorities. Certainly President Chirac

is steering clear of the Aragon

festivities. Earlier this year,

M Chirac agreed to make a

pilgrimage to the mill at Villeneuve where Aragon is

buried, and an informal visit

was fixed for May 24. When

this turned out to be the day before the first round of

parliamentary elections, M Chirac, keen to avoid giving

tions to northern France, and experts say that the extension of the campaign to the south and the targeting of a former police chief suggest that the group's war of liberation is growing more bold and wide-ranging. M Catelan's neighbours around the town of

Pujaut, in the gnome-rich suburbs of Avignon, have mounted a vigilante patrol. Local newspapers reported that the missing gnomes were spotted at a Swiss campsite.



Father Anthimos: had allegedly wanted to break off a long romantic relationship

Greek prelate 'had to be punished', says woman

THE woman suspected of killing a London-based Greek Orthodox prelate on Tuesday confessed to the murder yesterday, hours after her arrest outside a convent near Athens, police said. Katerina Yannakopoulou,

punished".

walls late on Thursday night, apparently uncertain about whether to approach the front gate. Though the suspect was wearing a blonde wig, the nun recognised her from newspaper photographs and called the police.

ried and the mother of a 17year-old son, appeared dazed when caught. After an allnight interrogation, the police said she confessed to having "a long romantic relation-ship" with 60-year-old Pather Authimos of St Nicholas's Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Shepherd's Bush, west Lonshe said, according to the police. "He knew all my secrets and sins." But when he refused to see her and "wanted to break off the relationship, be had to be punished".

She said she bought a pistol specifically for the purpose, and shot him five times at close range outside his house in Nea Smirni near Athens. Father Anthimos was on holiday in Greece at the time.

Far from leaving false clues to throw police off the scent, Mrs Yannakopoulou said she spent the two days after the shooting cycling around and sleeping on benches, hoping

China demotes ex-envoy to London

BY MICHAEL BINYON AND JONATHAN MIRSKY

universal literature and will

thus be celebrated primarily

CHINA'S Ambassadur in London until earlier this year. Hong Kong branch of the Xinhua news agency. Beijing's de facto embassy when the colony was under British rule.

His appointment has surprised diplomats, as it appears to be a clear demotion. He was expected to head China's Fora job that went to Mr Jiang's predecessor in London. Ma handover negotiations for Yuzhen. Mr Jiang will head an what may now be perceived in United Front, the non-Com-

architectural relics

in India?

office in Hong Kong that has been much reduced in importance since the handover. Most of the diplomatic and defence functions have been transferred to the Foreign Ministry, now completing a huge building in an exclusive

Hong Kong residential area. Diplomatic sources say that Mr Jiang is in poor health. But Western officials suggest two other explanations for his . move. One is that Beijing is China to have been a public relations disaster. The other possibility is that Xinhua will continue to play a more important role in Hong Kong than publicly suggested.

China has indicated that the news agency may concentrate more on news-gathering. Chinese journalists have been more visible and more active in Hong Kong since the handover. However, the agency may retain some of its former clandestine functions such as volved in the final stages of the intelligence-gathering and co- China. ordinating the activities of the

munist forces in Hong Kong sympathetic to China.

The announcement coincided with unother change occasioned by the handover. Lu Ping. the Chinese official formerly responsible for Hong Kong and Macau, has retired. but rumour suggests he fell from favour. It is said he is being blamed for wrongly advising Beijing that Chris Patten, the final Governor of Hong Kong, would make the

CHANGING TIMES

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provider forced to respect privacy AMERICA ONLINE, the troubled Internet giant, has been forced to back down from a plan to sell home telephone numbers and personal details of its 8.5 million customers to The about-turn from America's largest service providercame after pressure from customer groups and legal au-thorities, but has still left regulators deeply concerned about the lack of privacy

42, claimed the Very Rev Archimandrite Anthimos EleRheriades had wanted to break off a long relationship with her and "he had to be

Mrs Yannakopoulou had. been on the run for two days before a nun in the town of Mandra, 15 miles west of Athens, noticed her riding a bicycle outside the convent's

Mrs Yannakopoulou, mardon. "He was like God to me,"

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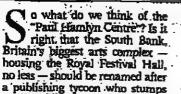
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up £17 million towards its facelift? Eyebrows have been raised, and one sees why. Renaming famous buildings could become a habit. Lots of lottery projects are searching for "matching" private money.
Will each big gift have to be paid
for in 6ft-high gilded letters above
the entrance? Will we soon enter
the Vivien Duffield Royal Opera House? It's a lovely thought.

Being nice about the stinking

rich doesn't come naturally, but in this case I think that we must make the effort. For a start, if anybody deserves his name emblazoned across the Festival Hall it is Hamlyn, who has done more to bring the arts to ordinary people than anybody — and that, shame-fully, includes the Arts Council and il the other dullards who are actually paid to do exactly that.

Let's try not to patronise our patrons

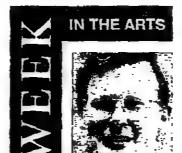
Centre". This country suffers from a social climate that discourages arts philanthropy. We abhor wealth ostentatiously displayed, even when it benefits us all. That was true even in the days of the great Victorian benefactors: just recall, in his gallery's emienary week, the hostility faced by Henry Tate, sugar-daddy to the first gallery of British art. The British were the original world champions of looking gift-horses in the mouth, and we still hold the title. Witness the sneers, rather than cheers, at Oxford when Wafiq Said

offered his £20 million. In recent years, luckily, the gift horses have trotted along anyway. But the building boom triggered by the lottery now requires arts stitutions to find huge chests of private dosh, and they won't be easily prised open unless the motives of patrons are more

widely appreciated. What spurs the Gettys and Carnegies into playing the latter-day Maecenas? Pure love of art? Or a desire for some kind of purchased immortality? After all, we do remember Maccenas, 2,000 years on.

One common reason is gratitude towards a nation. Strangely, that is often exhibited by those born elsewhere. Hamlyn was a refugee. London Zoo was saved by £1 million gifts from the Emir of Kuwait ta little thank-you for our Gulf War effort) and an Indian steel magnate, Perhaps people born outside Britain — or those, like Sir Edwin Manton (the insurance man who gave the Tate 17 millions, who lived abroad for decades — appreciate our heritage more keenly than the residents,

Another sort of gratitude is evoked by the plaque in the Tate which declares that its founder wanted to make "a thank-offering



for a prosperous business career of 60 years". Similarly, when Ross Peror donated \$12 million to Dallas's new concert hall, he ordered that the hall be named not after him, but after his junior partner gent, unfortunately, with the

Meyerson. This, Perot explained. would "send a message to corporate America that people who get to where I am often do so on the backs of their colleagues". Very touching, don't you think? Perhaps the Sainsbury Wing at the National Gallery should be renamed the Tracey-on-Checkout Wing.

Of course, not all motives are pure. The elder Rockefeller set up his Foundation at a time when there was anger about his business deals. And sure enough, after about \$500 million of good deeds had flown from his coffers, public anger subsided somewhat. Other benefactors make damn nuisances of themselves. They impose conditions: the Burrell Collection cannot travel overseas: the Wallace Collection must be kept intact: Sir Denis Mahon's collection will only go to galleries that don't charge for

benefactors become positively emharrussing. When Sir Jack Lyons was stripped of his knighthood after the Guinness affair, the managers of both the Sir Jack Lyons Opera Theatre at the Royal Academy of Music and the Sir Jack Lyons Concert Hall at York University were set tricky prob-lems of etiquette. Both, however, retain the "Sir" in their titles.

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o patrons distort the puri-ty of art? There is certainly disquict when Charles Saatchi promotes, and then summarily demotes, an artist from his trend-setting collection. The impression is of artists being treated ike the Paris fashions: here tuday, binned tomorrow, But artists aren't compelled to sell their wares to Mr Saatchi.

More worrying was a fascinat-

Carol Duncan's Civilising Rituals: Inside Public Art Museums which argued that although privale patronage is usually aimed at enhancing public appreciation of the arts, it sometimes paradoxically has the opposite effect. The ordinary ponter is made to feel like an outsider briefly allowed to peep at a display of power, wealth and privilege. Which brings us back, I suppose, to the Vivien Duffield Ruyal Opera House.

Giving away money effectively is about as hard as earning it in the first place," said Bill Gates recent-Wise words from cyberspace, Bill. The relationship between benefactor and public institution is always going to be delicate, fraught with contradictions and potential misunderstandings. In Britain, we haven't often got it right. We need to get it right now. The next five years could see the most speciacular expansion of enlightened philanthropy in this country's history - or a horrible exacerbation of the them-and-us polarisation that has bedevilled



The play that rain stopped: Paul Thornley (Hortensio), Issy van Randwyck (Bianca), Graeme Henderson (Lucentio) and Paul Bentley (Gremio)

We open in drizzle, then stop

aid dogs and Enelishmen go out in the midday yet to see a mad dog enjoying itself in the evening drizzle. As I realised in Regent's Park that feat is peculiar to the English Indeed, some of us were extremely annoyed when the opening performance of Kiss Me Kate was called off a third of the way through, for lan Talbot's revival was proving terrific fun.

Company (Contract)

They had not cancelled a first night at the Open Air for ... longer than even the box-office manager could remember, so. nobody was pessimistic when it was raining at 7.45pm, 15 minutes before start time. Also, the Met Office had told the producers it would be fine.

by Spm. So we waited until 8.20, and then trooped trustingly to rather wet seats trying not to notice the splashing on our heads. "Put down your umbrellas," came the voice of Talbot from the back. and everyone duly made do with anorak boods, folded newspapers or, in my case, hair. And on went the show.

On for about 15 minutes. That was long enough to establish that Andrew C. Wadsworth's Fred, appearing as Petruchio in The Shrew, was wrangling with Louise Gold's Lilli, his former wife as well as his Katherine. It was also enough time for one of Cole Porter's most spirited numbers, Another Opening, Another Show. The stage looked perilously slippery, but

THEATRE Kies Me Kate Open Air

the chorus hoofed happily

away. Not until Gold stomped off with a growl of "Oh. this heat!" did it become impossible to pretend it wasn't raining. The audience roared. The rain became a downpour, and out we went to drink coffee or mulied wine in the fover. The spirit of the Blitz vestigially appeared. Strangers spoke to each other. The Observer revealed that it was

his birthday, and the wife of the News of the World that it

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Danes had played Hamlet during a worse storm at Elsinore. The news came through that the Met Office thought it was a passing

So back in we went again. Men in plastic were monoing the stage floor and covering lights with dingfilm. Talbot came onstage to declare that "all those who stayed are great and all who left are stris". The cast would plough on, he vowed. That was the spirit of the Open Air, he added, And on went the show to wild applause, though this time Gold was careful to say "Oh. this rain!" when she stomped off. She and Wadsworth danced about in their dressing gowns singing Wunderbar oblivious to the drizzle, and

everyone launched cheerily into We Open in Venice. But can you plough on in a ploughed field? The rain iniensified and the brollies re-

opened. In front of me *The* Guardian huddled beneath one big enough to cover the paper's entire staff. On swaggered Gold in her role as Katherine, looking and sounding tremendous. Then came a voice through a loudspeaker:
The Met Office has told us these conditions are likely to persist the rest of the evening. It was over. The spirit of the Blitz had yielded to the spirit of the state. And guess what happened as I drove sorrowfully home. It stopped raining.

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

More corn than gold Venice should stick with Pon

n the surface it looked perverse for Opera North to pick Erich Korngold's flashy piece of uvenilia for its midweek visit to the Proms. But this is the composer's centenary — who is going to do the same service for Donizetti in 1997? — and Violanta after 80 years was being given its first London performance. Best of all. it gave the orchestra and con-

ductor the chance to show off. Paul Daniel. in his last appearance with the company before taking up the baton at ENO, seized this opportunity with full fervour. The main quality of the 17-year-old Korngold's steamy tale of sex and revenge on the Giudecca Canal in Venice lies in the orchestration. He uses large forces and is already adept at creating an atmosphere where the blood runs hot and the

swords are coming out. Korngold admirers will be able to spot the seeds of the skills that were to win him acclaim 20 years later in Hollywood as the man who provided the musical surge in the adventure yarns of Mich-

ael Curtiz and others. The vocal writing is another maner. Korngold makes impossible demands on his so-prano. Violanta, and the tenor who begins as a victim and ends as an object of desire. A Sieemund and a Sieglinde are required, but the world's leading Wagnerians are hardly likely to take on an immature one-acter containing more

com than gold. Opera North fielded Janice Cairns and the American tenor Hans Aschenbach, She began scratchily and not always very audibly. Eventually the full Cairns voice came through and, by the time she received a dagger through the heart, was going great guns. Aschenbach as the new-found lover produced some glowing tone but at times appeared fazed by the acoustics of the Albert Hall. The part needs a young Siegfried Jerusalem and there are few of those around. Jonathan Summers was suitably malevolent as the morose husband, under-

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and his librettist, who finishes off the wrong person.

Opera North stayed with a

straightforward concert performance rather than the semi-staged evening promised in the prospectus. The sturdy chorus provided background support as assorted boatmen and carnival maskers. But those after real mayhem in

of roots in Venetian commedia dell'arte was used as the excuse to open the evening

chielli and La gioconda, or even The Tales of Hoffmann.

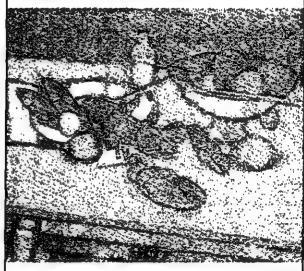
The distinctly tenuous link with Stravinsky's Petrushka in its 1947 version. Paul Daniel and the English Northern Philharmonia gave it a neat. balletic performance while carefully keeping something in reserve for Violania. Such theatrical cunning will serve him well at ENO.

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Should auld xenophobia be forgot, we'll tak' a cup o' Talisker yet . . .

ae doot there'll be greeting afore bedtime over you Scottish parlia-ment and its unco First Minister. And that was the Old Norse and Scottish "greet" meaning to blub. But whatever constitutional monstrosities the politicians erect. Scots and English still need each other, as auld stereotypes to define ourselves against. Kailyard parliamentary questions will be removed to Edinburgh: for this relief, much thanks. But you cannot unscramble three centuries of shared history and culture. Where would the Scots be without neigh-bours to whinge about? Where would the English be without neighbours to patronise?

Our relationship was always prickly. The road to union was marked by acrimony. Queen Anne echoed the attitude of many English when she described her Scottish subjects as both "unreasonable" and "strange". The Act of Union passed by only four votes and in storms of mutual xenophobia. Anne gave the royal assent to the union treaty: "I desire and expect from all my subjects of both nations that from henceforth they act with all possible respect and kindness to one another, that so it may appear to all the world they have hearts disposed to become one people." A triumph of hope over thistles.

We should be canny about stereotyping the Scots as mean, since reckless generosity is also a national characteristic. There was a letter in The Times from an indignant Aberdonian: "Sir. If you print any more jokes about Scotsmen, I will have to stop borrowing your paper." I deplore all jokes which suggest that the Scots are skinflints, such as the one about the Grand Canyon being started by a Scotsman who lost a penny in a ditch. Or the Scotsman who died of starvation on the back seat of a pay-asyou-leave bus. I deplore them all. Because some of my closest friends are Scottish.

Rab C. Nesbitt is unintelligible, even to the. Prime Minister, who was born in Govan. The Scottish image is both prim and outrageous. Scottish Inglis is more than a dialect, not quite a language. But it is richer and more complex than the southern varieties of English because of its accretions. Gaelic gives it such words as the one in Chambers (useful for Scrabble) meaning somebody who lies behind a waterfall wrapped in a cowskin in order to foretell the future. Imported from across the North Sea. golf terminology implies that the game was invented in the United Provinces, not at St Andrews, Norman French lies dormant in

From David Hume to James Kelman, Scots have written English with wit to shame the English. Adam Smith glorified the Scotsman on the make in every man. And in Caledonia. Anthony Powell gave the snooty English riposte: "Such Mediocrity was ne'er on view./ Bolster'd by tireless Scottish Ballyhoo -/ Nay! In two Qualities they stand supreme:/ Their Self-advertisement and Self-esteem." Hugh MacDiarmid gave the reply.

As a cub reporter, my first job was to report the inchoate Cheltenham Festival. The two speakers were F.R. Leavis and MacDiarmid. On the first day I approached Leavis at breakfast in our grotty B&B and asked for his text. He put down his book and said: "Certainly not. You journalists tell lies and are destroying the English language." So I went to the town hall at 9pm. scribbled, dictated - and not a line went into the paper.

The next day I called on MacDiarmid. who as a Communist was staying at the Queen's, taking a bottle of his open-sesame Talisker. He had dealt with the press before and dictated a brilliant summary of his lecture. I filed. Then I went along to hear the words delivered. But MacDiarmid had finished the Talisker and carried on. So he fell over climbing up to the podium, recited a bit of A Drunk Man Looks at the Thistle, and called for questions. Not a word of his summary. So I rushed to the phonebox and cried to the night newsdesk: "Howard from Cheltenham. I need to change my festival story." Frank Roberts: "Excellent piece. Don't change a word. It is running down column eight on the front page." So I left town by the milk train. And the embarrassing correspondence to the Editor ran and ran. MacDiarmid represented the great Scottish Enlightenment dream of universal knowledge, especially when in Talisker. And we English and Scots need each other as enemies and lovers.

Anthony Howard urges Blair to follow Asquith's radical example when he creates up to 25 new peers next week

ord Strathchyde, the Tory Chief Whip in the House of Lords, recently observed that, if the Government went ahead with its plan to create up to 25 new Labour peers, it would merely provide further evidence of "an elective dictatorship at work". With all due deference to the 2nd Baron Strathclyde, he was talking through his hereditary hat. If any one thing has been remarkable over the past three months, it is the degree of restraint that Tony Blair has shown in his approach to re-dressing the political imbalance of the Upper House.

The arithmetic is so striking that it is worth rehearsing. There are 480 Tory peers, compared with 126 Labour peers and 55 Liberal Democrats. But the starkest figures are concealed in the guilty secret that, of those 480 Conservative peers. 327 sit by virtue of birth alone (the equivalent figure for Labour is 14 and for the Liberal Democrats 23).

It is important, too, not to fall for the legend about the 324 cross-bench peers holding the real balance of power. In the three defeats the Government has so far sustained in the House of Lords, it was the Tory hereditary peers who provided the Conservative Opposition with its margin of victory. The issues involved — taxing powers for the

How the King nearly sent the Lords packing

should be held in Scotland and Wales -- are hardly comparable to that which precipitated the most serious of all confrontations between the two Houses: the defeat of the People's Budget of 1909. But what is striking is the difference between the reaction of the Liberal Government then and that of Mr Blair's far less radical new Labour one today. From the moment the Lords

threw out Lloyd George's Budger in 1909, the Asquith Liberal Government embarked on a serious campaign of attrition designed to curb the powers and broaden the composition of the Second Chamber. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, like John Smith after him, had been in favour of making this the first priority of his Government but he had been forced to yield to Asquith's more cautious instincts. As with his Labour successor nearly 90 years on, he

his case home. Yet if Asquith was a late convert to the Peers v People argument, at least he became a convinced one.

When the issue shifted from powers to membership — as it did after the Lords' threat to preserve their own existing privileges by defeating the Parliament Bill of 1910 - it fell to Asquith to handle the delicate negotiations with the Palace. Edward VII proved to be surprisingly amena-ble to reason. While believing -as one suspects does the present Queen — that a hereditary peerage is an important buttress for a hereditary monarchy, he recognised that the will of the electorate could not be thwarted.

He agonised over a solution, at one stage coming up with the bizarre suggestion that he should summon the eldest sons of all the sitting Liberal peers to take their seats alongside their fathers in the Lords (on much the same "acceleration" principle that let was to die before he could press in the present Tory leader in the

that was not the end of the King's ingenuity. He even contemplated using his prerogative to withhold writs of summons from "ditcher" (meaning last-ditch) Tory peers

 something that would have caused a constitutional outery. Edward VII, however, was probably on sounder ground with his most radical proposal of all that, while every peer should retain the right to sit and speak, only 50 on each side should be entitled to vote. But before these issues could be resolved the King. died, leaving this hot potato in the lap of his son, George V.

The "sailor King" had a good deal less imagination than his father, and was not well served by his deeply conventional joint private secretary, Arthur Bigge, 1st Baron Stamfordham. The private secretary he inherited from his father Edward VII, the 1st Viscount Knollys, was altogether willier - and saved the game so far as the monarchy was was to encourage talks between party leaders — a development that bought time as the talks dragged on for five months before irretrievably breaking down over the Lords' assertion of its right to an, at least temporary. veto over Irish Home Rule.

That was when the crunch

came. Asquith in Novem-ber 1910 demanded from the King a private promise that, if the Liberals won the generalelection due the following month. and if the Tories persisted in obstructing the Parliament Bill, then George V would use his constitutional powers to create new peers to carry the Bill into law. It was a pledge that, for the unfortunate King, went very much against the grain. He toyed with the idea of refusing his Prime Minister's request— and was only deterred from doing so by a warning from Knollys that if Asquith chose to

resign on the issue, then A.J. Balfour, as Leader of the Opposi-tion, would refuse to form a government in such circumstances. (Balfour would, in fact, have eagerly accepted office.)

How near did the Lords come to self-destruction? In the end.

they were saved by the 37 Conservative peers, led by Lord Curzon, who voted with government supporters in favour of the Parliament Bill. But well before that, in case things went wrong. Asquith had prepared a list of 249 nominations for peerages. (So much for Mr Blair's modest 20-25.) The list was discovered after Asquith's death - and one thing Nick Brown, the present Government Chief Whip, might care to note is how far removed it was from today's party wheelhorse style of politics.

There were, it is true, some 19 MPs and 23 Privy Counsellors on the list, but other names took in such non-partisan figures as Bertrand Russell, Thomas Hardy, Gilbert Murray, G.P. Gooch, J.M. Barrie and Anthony Hope. What price that kind of literary and academic distinction in Mr Blair's list next week? But, then again, what price the seriousness of his intent about Lords reform? So far the famous Asquithian motto, "Wait and See", would seem to apply far more to the present Prime Minister than to its originator.

The restoration of Conservatism

Maurice Cowling on the impact of

new Labour and the Tories' task

a threat

ony Blair's reconstruc-tion of the Labour Party has been a brilliantly high-political operation - an attempt to persuade the middle and working classes to vote the same way and a continuation of the tactic employed by the Fabians in the 1880s, Mac-Donald in the 1920s, Gaitskell in the 1960s, and the Gang of Four in the 1980s.

About Mr Blair's public man-ner there is a faintly priggish aspect which is concealed by his energy and youthfulness and will not be seen for what it is until something begins to go wrong. His strength at present is that the Labour Party is not the Conservative Party and that

The time, however will come when the honeymoon will be over, when a Green rhetoric, the landmine campaign, the penalisation of the motorist, the abolition of private hand-

guns, the banning of fox-hunting, a controlled vindictiveness against the rich, and the shooting of unconvicted Bosnian Serbs will fall short of being a policy: the ending of the windfall tax will make it necessary to take hard decisions about personal taxation; and Mr Brown's first budget will be remembered primarily for turning the pension funds into a political football.

The time will also come when Mr Blair's niceness. compassion and communitarianism will be seen. like socialism itself, to require an excessive degree of governmental supervision and taxation: his application of good-will to intractable problems will be brought down to earth (as it already has been in Ulster); and his tendency to lecture world leaders about their duties will take off into a rhetorical stratosphere, like the rhetorical stratosphere into which MacDonald

took off after 1931. Even the identification of the Blairs with the Clintons has its downside from Mr Blair's point of view, since no one in England is suggesting that he should expose his dealings in Sedgefield to public inquiry, his fund-rais-ing activities to a select committee of the House of Commons, or

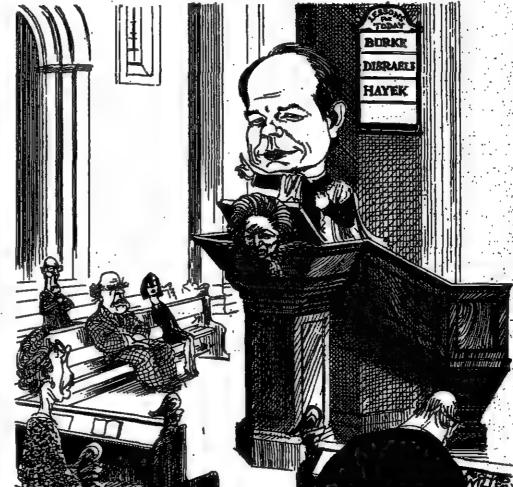
his private parts to examination by a panel of High Court judges. Assuming that the Conserva-tive Party has a future, it will have to reorganise itself in terms of age, class and opinion so as to remake itself what it was in the 1950s and 1960s, the mirror of a very considerable part of the nation. It will have to acquire a new position in local government under whatever form local goverrument is reconstructed, to make Conservative MEPs more representative of the opinions of the party at large, and to anticipate from the establishment of a Scottish parliament — already an object of apprehension in the

Labour Party - an eventual reduction in the number of Scottish MPs at The Tory Westminster and the development of hostility to Labour's Tammany Hall machine is to show in Scotland. It will have to why Blairite

mount an effective 'virtue' is opposition in Parliament and present itself through the media as a sane, informed and relevant critic of the

Government's contradictions and failures, sometimes in directions which are not at present apparent. It will have to argue the case for a revising second chamber and to adopt a role as defender of the Constitution and the United Kingdom (with a special concern for English interests in case the Union turns out to be anachronistic). And it should commit itself, if the Oueen and the Prince of Wales want this, to a morganatic marriage as the best way of lancing the boil created by Diana, Princess of Wales's determination to play a public role which there is no need for her to play. Above all, it should apply the Thatcherite revolution to the 1990s, moving on from the economic problem to even more systematic consider-ation than hitherto of relations between the State and private provision in health, pensions, insurance; transport and

education.
The function of presenting the Conservative Party in Parliament and the media will require delicacy of language and man-ner, avoidance of fanaticism and imbecility, and a certain cunning in proposing as the judgments of



commonsense contentions which will seem outrageous to The Guardian or Channel Four News. Nothing will be more problematical in the present climate than to go against the grain in this way; nothing is more necessary than to do this with a distinction, energy and intelligence so manifest that it cannot be dismissed as unreconstructed reaction.

This is not to suggest that the Conservative Party should become a mugwump party, as Lord Butler tried to make it in the 1950s. It is to suggest that it should avoid the unbearable moral certainty which was Mrs Thatcher's, as it is Mr Blair's, weakness, that it should support a cautious tolerance as against libertarian permissiveness, and that there should be a lightness of touch, even a degree of ridicule in exposing double standards.

In addition, there should be the most searching public scrutiny not only of the managers of the media, who have helped to bring down a Conservative gov-

ernment, but also of the pressure groups and consumer-defence organisations beloved of media editors, some of which are genuinely interested in defending the individual against big govern-ment and large-scale industrial or commercial institutions, but others of which merely use the individual as a way of weakening the authority of the police, the

law, capitalism and a reasonable moral respectability. Finally, there is the problem of the intellectual climate and the possibility of recreating a Conservative intellectuality like that which underpinned the Conservative Party between 1970 and 1990. A flourishing Conservative intellectuality originating in the universities and permeating outwards does not guarantee elec-toral victory, which is so much the result of contingent factors that it is possible for a party to succeed electorally when it is at a low ebb intellectually. But it is important to recognise that, in the Conservative Party, a well-constructed intellectuality can

educate a cadre of intelligent and convinced politicians to man the party administration and the parliamentary party, and of in-telligent journalists to make relevant and up-to-date adaptations of Conservative principle.

Recreation does not mean repetition. It would be as idle to apply the arguments of T.S. Eliot, Oakeshott, Butterfield and Havek to the conditions of and Hayek to the conditions of the late 1990s as it was idle of the Labour Left to apply the princi-ples of its continental idols to the conditions of the 1980s. On the contrary, the challenge is a subtle and mainly negative challenge to expose the politics of "virtue" and to show why virtue, Blairie or otherwise, is a threat to freedom and needs to be taken with a very large purch of salt. It is not socialism but the dismantling of "virtue" and exposure of the emptiness which lurks not very far below its surface that is the problem of the 1990s and the Conservative Party which is the

best equipped to deal with it. England certainly has a Conservative literature which is the equal of its Liberal and socialist literatures and in Salisbury, Mallock, Waugh and even, in his undemocratic way. Burke has an ocuvre of the very highest quality. But almost its leading feature is its dislike of the obsession with politics, its contempt for profes-sional politicians, and its belief in the prior importance of almost all aspects of the national life over the political. It is an un-avoidable fact that a Conservative intellectuality ought to be negative, sceptical and intolerant, especially of compassion and communitarianism, before it

is positive.
The Conservative Party is not a fanatical party. It is not even a party of the Right. It has an intellectual element, a commercial-industrial-City element, an aristocratic element which does not predominate, a reactionary E element which is fertile and it suggestive, and nural and suburban elements which supply its ballast. It believes in the primacy of the national interest in foreign policy, however variously and deviously the national interest is interpreted. It is an English party and may need to restore relations with Scotland and Wales on that basis as well as on the basis that it is primarily the party of the United Kingdom. It is not committed to moral crusades and it combines moral conservatism with gradging recognition of the

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diversity of moral standards. It is the party of inequality, not necessarily of existing inequalities, but of the possibility of inequality; and it believes in both the duty of work and a social and moral decency which can incorporate citizens, whatever their class or ethnic origin. Most of all, it has a tone of voice and discourse which bypasses uplift and wishes to resist it whenever it comes its way. These are the things that it has to explain during the next five years. The ques-tion is whether the Shadow Cabinet and the parliamentary party are competent to explain them.

The historian Maurice Cowling. sometime Fellow of Peterhouse. Cambridge, is at present work-ing on the third volume of his Religion and Public Doctrine in Modern England. The above are edited extracts from his pamphlet A Conservative Future, published neat Wednesday by Politeia (28 Charing Cross Road, WC2H ODB) at £3. Simon Jenkins is away.

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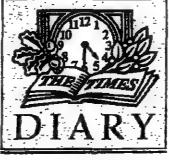
Thinking again: Sir Norman

TOWN and gown are fighting and concrete oblong on Manor again in Oxford, this time over Road, behind the relatively modern ine's College. The city council, however, says Sir Norman, the world's most successful architect, must think again.
Ignoring the acclaim being accorded Sir Norman's new Ameri-

can Air Museum in Oxford, members of the council planning committee called his design a "boring box", saying it came close "to university vandalism". The university prefers to describe the outative building as a "very line. three-storey, glass-walled elevation".

John Tanner, a Labour member of the council, seems to enjoy rubbishing Foster. With a bit more imagination they could create something to relate to the old as well as the new," he says.

Foster will not have much time to worry about Citizen Tanner's reservations. He has ongoing projects building the Commerzbank at Frankfurt, and the Reichstag, Berlin, not to mention preparing for



the Queen's visit to open his Duxford museum. "Planning approval has been deferred until a later date," says his office. "Sir Norman and all the architects working on the project are unfortunately away at the moment."

Dino wars

WHILE strike action on the Hertfordshire set of his latest film, Saving Private Ryan, was finally averted on Thursday, Steven Spielberg faced fresh criticism from an academic quarter. Dr Richard Fortey, a leading palaeontologist, said at the launch of his book Life: An Unauthorised Museum that he was he was downright fed-up with the movie director's manipulation of scientific fact

to fit his reality.
Fortey, who tried in vain to extract dinosaur DNA from the body of an insect cocooned in amber, as scientists did in Spielberg's Jurassic Park, maintains that the director's dinosaur films "have no bearing on reality". For one thing, however, he was grateful: "Thanks to him, palaeontology has become

 Cave the bogus publicity on the back of Figures in a Landscape by Barry England, just reprinted in paperback by Vintage. In bold let-ters on the back, it says "Winner of the Booker Prize". Unfortunately, England's book was shortlisted for the Booker in 1969 but lost to P.H. Newby. The publishers promise to change the book sleeves asap.

Reborn

WORK has started on a onewoman Broadway show based on the life of Pamela Harriman. America's former ambassador to France and squeeze of many of the Biography at the Natural History century's great tycoons. David

Permut, the producer, claims to have enlisted the co-operation of million, is looking for a writer beseveral of Harriman's intimates. They're not co-operating for money or recognition." he says. They just want the real Pamela to have her say on stage." Mrs Harri-

man, for all her success, never quite recovered from her reputation as an expert on rich men's ceilings. Permut, whose latest film Face/Off earned more than \$100

Keep moving, it's

fore he starts casting his show. He does not see a problem finding a star: Playing Harriman is a part every actress will want." Evidence of the value attached to a portrait of the Prime Minister comes with the release on Thursday of the Scottish and the Welsh devo-

lution White Papers. The 43-page Scottish paper costs £6.50, while the 80-page Welsh paper — printed in English and Welsh - costs only E3. The reason? The Scottish paper includes a colour photograph of Tony Blair and David Dewar, the Welsh paper does not.

Cold comfort

LOCKER-ROOM battles are blighting Graham Gooth's fare-well to Essex County Cricket Club this week. As he plays his final game, his team-mates are fighting over who will get to use his locker and bench space, both of which are felt to have talismanic powers.

The sacred patch has been used by Gooch almost since he arrived at the club. Things turned so nasty, among the players, however, that the groundsman had to intervene.



Sacred patch: Gooch

Rather than give Gooch's locker and space to any other player, it will be removed and a Graham Gooch memorial water cooler put there in its place.

• Labour's troglodyte wing in Hammersmith have named an avenue after John Smith, the late Labour leader. John Smith Avenue SW6 forms part of the Clement Attlee estate, a group of dilapidated tower blocks.

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VULTURES NOT HAWKS

Britain is booming: the Bank must not blow it

The announcement that the British economy has been growing at a slightly faster than expected pace would normally, one might think be greeted with a little enthusiasm. When that annualised rate of 3.4 per cent coincides with an underlying rate of inflation clearly beneath 3 per cent, unemployment falling below 6 per cent, and a benign balance of payments, there should surely be added volume to those cheers. A rational analysis might indicate that matters were proceeding rather nicely - albeit with some legitimate concerns about the value of sterling. Instead the data has been mis-

too much of a good thing.

The conventional wisdom of many influential policymakers - especially those at the Bank of England — is that growth which exceeds past historical trends will bring inflation as surely as night follows day. Figures for domestic demand and retail sales released in the last few days will doubtless reinforce their convictions.

erably received: we are all, it seems, having

As a consequence, such self-styled inflation "hawks" argue, interest rates should be increased when the Monetary Policy Committee meets next on August 7. Furthermore, rates should rise again soon after. That has been their view for at least twelve months now. It has already ensured three rapid rate increases. Actual evidence of imminent inflationary dangers has remained almost invisible. But this is apparently of little importance. Inflation could happen, indeed should have occurred already; so there must

be a swift strike on the cost of borrowing. While, however, the threat of inflation remains distinctly theoretical the impact of an appreciating currency is already tangible. Sterling hit an eight-year high this week. It is not inconceivable that having passed the 2.95DM figure that represented its old benchmark within the ERM, it might now exceed the 3.13DM margin which represented its maximum permissible level under those arrangements. Any further increase in interest rates makes that moment even more plausible.

Yesterday the GDP figures demonstrated the impact of that pumped-up pound. While the service sector clattered along at a 4.5 per cent growth rate, manufacturing industry remained at a standstill. A CBI survey showed that manufacturing export orders over the past four months fell at the fastest rate in over five years. Manufacturing optimism about export prospects has slumped to its lowest point in nearly seventeen years. Britain has two economies at present one of which is not far short of recession. That will not stop the inflation hawks from seeking further interest rate punishment.

The contrast between the British and American monetary authorities is striking. Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, testified before the US Congress on Tuesday. The economy over which he presides will grow at a similar rate to Britain in 1997. Inflation is in an equally subdued condition. Unemployment is even lower. Mr Greenspan spoke of the "extraordinarily positive" situation that confronted him. He expressed confidence that labour market reforms and the effect of new technology allowed for enhanced growth without inflation. He has increased interest rates by precisely 0.25 per cent over the last two

years. He appears in no hurry to go further. Eddie George is not minded to follow Mr Greenspan. He has little faith that supplyside reforms have improved Britain's economic potential. If interest rates keep rising - sweeping sterling up with them - then services as well as manufacturing will soon start feeling the pressure. Yet movements in inflation remain tiny. The Governor and his associates may pride themselves on their hawkishness. For much of British industry they are behaving like vultures.

OXBRIDGE AND DEARING

Oxford and Cambridge face major changes ahead

It consisted of 34 words in a 1,700-page report but Sir Ron Dearing's reflections on the current funding arrangements for Oxford and Cambridge have already brought sharp words from the ancient universities. Sir Ron drily noted that the college fees received by Oxbridge - some "substantial addition to the standard funding for institutions of higher education". He recommended that the Government review these arrangements. Such a suggestion, coming after David Blunkett had already cut the increase in college fees for the coming

years, has convinced many in the quad-

rangles that the barbarians are at the gate.

Sir Ron has identified a legitimate policy problem. His report boldly promotes the principle that those who receive the most direct financial benefit from higher education - graduates - should share in some of the considerable costs involved in its provision. With the exception of Opposition spokesitian Stephen Dorrell and a few MPs associated with the Labour Left, that assertion appears to have commanded wide respect. Oxbridge students dominate many of the most lucrative posts in Britain. For this narrow set to receive an additional subsidy from the taxpayer to maintain the tutorial system appears incompatible with the Dearing diagnosis.

Other aspects of Sir Ron's report suggest a certain caution, however. The document rightly places its emphasis on the iruportance of internationally respected universities and excellence in teaching. It implies that the recent expansion in student numbers threatens those standards. The decline of Oxbridge colleges and the abandonment / and Yales can be achieved without an of tutorials in favour of the factory farming

methods now used at some educational establishments could hardly be consistent with Sir Ron's strictures either. That point will be hammered home by college heads during the promised consultation exercise.

Mr Blunkett may conclude that the ideal outcome would be for Oxbridge to retain its finance them. The populist place to start would be with the substantial endowment wealth enjoyed by certain colleges. There are limits, however, on how far the two universities could become self-funding through this means alone. A large propor-tion of collegiate assets consists of land and works of art that are extremely difficult to sell not least because of the rules enforced by the Department of the Environment and the

Department of Culture, Media and Sport. instead the Government should allow Oxbridge to levy "top-up" fees as part of its fiscal package. If this is not done overtly it will occur covertly anyway. Colleges will dramatically increase the termly charges for board and food and students will find themselves seeking additional loans. Furthermore, many colleges will seek additional numbers of overseas students for extra tuition fees. That will mean fewer places for home students.

The open adoption of top-up fees would be more equitable and efficient. In combination with an appeal on behalf of the collegiate principle and some asset liquidation, Oxbridge should survive the withdrawal of current support. In the medium term, however, both universities will need to contemplate whether their aspiration to compete at a global level with the Harvards outright shift towards private resources.

AN EXPERT WRITES...

Jeeves speaks up in defence of an endangered profession

This is the week of the butler. And the publicity forces me to break the habit of a lifetime. Only once before in my connection with Mr Wooster have I taken centre stage to speak in public about one of his trifling misadventures. But the law reports of butlers taking over their employers' houses while they are away and humiliating them at home oblige me to set down some principles.

For the faults lie on both sides. Some unsatisfactory recruits with no traditions of service are being employed as butlers. And some employers have no notion of the intimate but formal relationship that should exist between a gentleman and his butler.

Dignity and discretion are the key values. My uncle, Charlie Silversmith, taught them to me when he dandled me on his knee. And he was their embodiment. It could have been said of him as it was in Joseph Conrad's Lord Jim: "Had you been the Emperor of the East and West you could not have ignored your inferiority in his presence."

Uncle Charlie would have agreed that Percival Hole acted prudently to change his Christian name to John when he became a butler. Some names are unsuitable for a domestic servant. For instance, Bertram Wilberforce simply would not do. I have never revealed my first name, not even in the Ganymede Club member's book. The

information is irrelevant. Then, as to the matter of a butler serving his employers wine to chance acquaintances picked up in a public house, there has always been a tacit understanding about a butier's droit du maître over half empty port decanters and bin ends. But Mr Hole should have selected an older vintage than Château Pétrus, and it was vulgar to boast that it cost £1.500 a bottle. The code of the butlers states that such things are never discussed, especially not on page 3 of The Times.

The other peccant butler on trial stroked his employer's breasts in the bath and said: These milk bottles, madam, used to be full. Now they are empty." A butler should never become so familiar, and he should keep his relations with the opposite sex behind the green baize door. In my opinion the rot was started by a romantic novel called The Remains of the Day. In the motion picture made from it, Mr Anthony Hopkins played the butler. Stevens, far too emotionally.

For butlers are the secret authority behind the desks of power. Michael Harden, the former royal butler, who is leading the move to take over the Nationwide Building Society, does not grasp the discretion of his profession. A butler's place is to shimmer in the background not shine on the front pages. Had there been a butler in the Garden of Eden, there would have been no Fall. If Adam got so far as to raise the forbidden fruit to his mouth, the action would have been halted by a voice, bleating across Eden like a distant sheep: "Injudicious, sir, if I may be permitted to say so." For it is only by knowing their place that butlers can keep it, at the top of the tree and out of the spotlight.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Charges of 'conspiracy' and 'betrayal' on Hong Kong

From Mr Jonathan Dimbleby

Sir, It is a convenient fiction for Sir Percy Cradock ("A question of honour". July 23) to presume that in my book, The Last Governor, I serve as Chris Patten's "hatchet-man". Has it not crossed Sir Percy's mind that there are other ways of interpreting the recent history of Hong Kong than through the prism of his own preju-

It must be galling for him that Hong Kong remains, for the moment, flourishing, open and self-confident despite Patten's failure to heed his advice that the only realistic option for Britain was to retreat to China's bottom line on almost every issue of

In retrospect, does not his oft-repeated claim that Patten's approach was "fatal. fatal, fatal" seem a trifle hyperbolic? Does it not now seem a touch perverse to argue that Hong Kong would now be stronger if Patten had been weaker?

Cradock alleges that I make the "grubby" suggestion in my book that his hostility to Patten sprang from his own financial interests in China. I make no such imputation. On the contrary I merely note that his usefulness to those by whom he was hired soon after his retirement presumably lay in the fact that (by his own account) he was the principal architect and agent of British policy towards China dur-ing the years which are now so keenly - and in his case, intemperately -

No dishonour in that. The questions of honour lie elsewhere, and I explore them at length in The Last Governor.

Yours faithfully. JONATHAN DIMBLEBY, Upper Langridge Farm, Lansdown, Bath, Somerset.

From Mr N. J. Cooper

Sir, Accusations about people's motives have obscured the more important hard facts about events in Hong Kong.

The Basic Law allowed for 20 directly elected LegCo sears at the time of handover, plus ten elected by a representative committee and 30 functional seats (ie, elected by the major corporations). Directly elected seats would

increase to 24 in two years and 30 in six years, with the ultimate aim of "the election of all the members . . . by universal suffrage". Governor Patten chose to "inter-

pret" this as enfranchising all employees of the major corporations, thus changing functional votes into direct votes. Much has been made of the Gover-

nor's ignorance of a letter promising continued consultation with the Chinese. But the Joint Declaration, of which he was presumably not ignorant, spells out that agreed intention in Annexe II "to ensure a smooth transfer".

Thus, sadly, the facts of the Governor's actions in contravention of the spirit and intention of agreements outraged both moderates and hardliners in China and diminished whatever moral high ground remained to us.

Yours truly, N. J. COOPER Chairman). The Top Management Parmership Ltd. PO Box 10420, London W8 6GL

From Mr George Rosenberg

Sir, Sir Robin McLaren, British Ambassador in China. 1991-94 (letter, July was deeply involved in all the critical events surrounding the handover of Hong Kong. It is not surprising, therefore, that he should object so strongly to "allegations of betrayal and Foreign Office conspiracies".

However, the need for a public inquiry will not readily go away. Even if every other Foreign Office action is: beyond reproach, there is one action (perhaps an omission) which more than justifies Simon Jenkins's call for an inquiry (article, July 12).

It is generally accepted that in October 1992, when Chris Patten made his proposals for democratic reform and went to Beijing, he had not been briefed on the more limited agreement reached more than two years earlier in an exchange of correspondence between Britain and China.

As a senior civil servant in Hong Kong's Legal Department at the time of Patten's visit I had initially written off the Chinese attack on him as bluster. However, when I eventually read the correspondence, I could not avoid the conclusion that Britain had deliberately broken the 1990 agreement, and I could not credit that the Foreign Office had not given Patten this crucial information.

If the Foreign Office had briefed Patten properly, I have no doubt that he would have framed his proposals so that they did not run the risk of being regarded as a breach of the agreement. The people of this country and of Hong Kong deserve to know what led to this extraordinary blunder (or, as Sir Percy Cradock puts it in his

article, this "odd story"). If information was deliberately withheld from the person who most needed to know it, it was sabotage and the perpetrators should be exposed and punished. If it was negligence, it was negligence of the highest order and those responsible should be called upon to apologise to Patten and the people of Hong Kong. The truth can only be established by

a full inquiry.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE ROSENBERG (Deputy Crown Solicitor, Hong Kong, 1991-94). Fox Lodge, Searles, Fletching, East Sussex. georger@ndirect.co.uk

From Mr Robin Fairlie

Sir, There is clearly room, even among democrats, for more than one view of British policy towards Hong Kong and China both before and after 1992. Nor are the counter-factual hypotheses of politicians, diplomats or historians on what would have happened if ... likely to result in much further enlightenment.

But even a non-expert in Far East-ern affairs may be allowed to feel distaste for the speciacle of an ex-ambas-sador publicly expressing his dis-approval — indeed contempt — for the policies of a British Governor in office.

Retired ambassadors (like retired politicians) should remove themselves from the public stage, where their continued presence is a public embarrass-

Yours faithfully, ROBIN FAIRLIE. l Broadlands Road, N6.

High legal fees

Sir, Tim O'Flynn [letter, July 17; see also letters, July 22] writes eloquently of the differential incomes of barrister and social worker, while the Chairman of the Bar Council, in his letter on the same day, describes commercial litigation fees as "negotiated . . . in a free market".

Since the free market shows that both professions are adequately filled, it would seem that both are satisfied by different rewards, the social workers seeking to do good and the lawyers seeking to do well.

To reaffirm the fairness of the law. would it not be possible to require litigants to set their own maximum costs initially, pay a bond into the court, and share that sum equally between the two sides to ensure parity of representation? Neither side would be permitted to spend more than 50 per cent of the total contribution and legal aid would continue to ensure assistance for the less well-to-do.

Members of the legal profession will presumably protest that this would unfairly restrict their income. Such protests should be viewed in the light of the potential increase in the volume of their business and the emancipation that such a change would bring to those at present denied access to the law.

Yours faithfully. RICHARD PEARCE. 72 Lissenden Mansions, Lissenden Gardens, NW5.

From Mrs Elizabeth Gaskell Syms Sir. The debate over whether lawyers' fat cat" salaries or court fees deter individuals and small business from using the courts could be clarified if companies and profitable organisations were recognised as having different budgets and rights of access by the courts. Why do citizens pay the same court fees as the organisations

that pay substantial fees to the legal A fairer solution might be for commercial organisations to pay court fees on a pro-rata basis; after an initial down payment their court fees could be calculated as a percentage of the total legal fees they pay for a case.

Yours faithfully, E. N. GASKELL SYMS, 86 Victoria Road, Barnet, Hertfordshire.

Radio 3 changes

From Mr William Hale

Sir, Richard Morrison reports that, as part of its effort to attract a younger audience to Radio 3, BBC mandarins are considering employing Barry Humphries and Prunella Scales as presenters (Arts, July 19; letters, July 24]. Exactly what definition of the word "young" is currently in use at John Birt's BBC?

Yours faithfully. WILLIAM HALE, Hardy Farm, Hardy Lane, Choriton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

'War' on tobacco

From Dr B. S. Smith

Sir, How are we to improve the health of the lower paid (report, "Poverty deprives 2.5m children of meals, toys and trips", July 22)? Certainly an increase in income tax to go directly to relieving poverty or spending more money on the National Health Service would, in my view, have a negligible effect; "meals, toys and trips" are likely to be more important to the lower paid.

After 25 years running a diabetic clinic for 2,000 patients in the most deprived area in the West Midlands, where detailed inquiry regarding food, alcohol and tobacco consumption is made. I have more than a passing acquaintance with likely relevant factors. I have serious doubts whether lack of income is the most important. Choice of diet is by and large poor.

intake of fruit and vegetables, whose importance in healthy lung function and longevity is highlighted by Dr Thomas Stuttaford (Medical briefing. July 22), is low. In my experience white bread, biscutts, crisps, chips and abundant meat products rule. Tobacco consumption is highest in

As old as you feel

From Dr Ian L. Natoff

Sir, Middle-age is a state of mind

nearby centre and was asked to wait me they were looking for.

Cricketing Smiths

of two Wodehouse characters.

Our hero was actually Rupert (or Ronald - PGW himself vacillates) Eustace Smith, later Psmith; his great friend was peerless cricketer Mike Jackson. Their exploits are recounted in Mike and Psmith (1953); Psmith was in line for a place in the Eton XI until removed from that school by an unhelpful father.

MURRAY HEDGCOCK Hutchinson, 1997), 14 Clifford Avenue, SW14. murrayh@lineone.net

Yours etc.

London Economics two years ago all the poorest 10 per cent of British households spent 11 per cent of income on tobacco tax: in smoking house holds it was 27 per cent. There have been three above-inflation Budget rises since then.

the lowest income groups. A study by

Tobacco is addictive and is often the daily purchase with the highest priority. A husband and wife jointly consuming 30 cigarettes daily, at approximately 15p per cigarette, will not afford the Health Education Authority's advocated five items of fruit or vegetables daily per family member also costing some 15p per item.

Tobacco is the curse of the working classes, and even more dire for the unemployed or unemployable. It wrecks health directly and indirectly. Waging war on tobacco, as this Government has promised to do, must be top of the health agenda: diet comes second.

B. S. SMITH (Consultant physician), Sandwell General Hospital, Lyndon. West Bromwich, West Midlands. July 23.

which has passed before one realises that it has existed (letters, July 12, 18, I had my exhaust repaired at a

until a ramp was available. I sat, inadvertently, out of sight of the manager's desk behind a coffee-vending machine. As one job was completed, I heard the manager call out to the me-chanic: "Right, where's that old bloke?" I craned my neck to join them in their search until I realised it was

From Mr Murray Hedgcock Sir, P. G. Wodehouse references are

always right and proper in cricket, given the Master's long love affair with the game (he played at Lord's six times for The Authors): the assertion today however ("Smith on a loser in name game, Sport) that one of PGW's characters, "Mike Smith", jazzed up his name by adding a "P" in front of his surname, is a telescoping

(Editor, Wodehouse at the Wicket,

I was only 62, and even now, two

years on, I wonder what I shall be when I grow up. Yours faithfully. IAN L. NATOFF,

natoffamily@compuserve.com From Mr D. C. Burrows

Radlett, Hertfordshire.

48 Goodyers Avenue.

Sir. Another sign of middle-age: questions begin with the words "Are you still ...?"

Yours faithfully, D. C. BURROWS. Banks Farm House, Burton Overy, Leicestershire.

From Mr Richard Penney

Sir, In his suggestion that Test cricket-ing Smiths have for the most part been nonentities, Simon Wilde failed to mention the best known of them all Sir C. Aubrey "Round the Corner"

Having achieved his boyhood ambition by captaining a winning English team in his first Test match (against South Africa in 1889, taking five for 19 in the first innings), Smith promptly retired to Hollywood via the West End stage and became the scourge of all kinds of screen infidels and other bad hats for the next 50

years. Some nonentity! Yours faithfully RICHARD PENNEY, Barrington Cottage, Longborough, Gloucestershire. pennev@cix.compulink.co.uk

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Challenge to the Tate's 'monopoly'

From Mr John Drewe Sir. Nicholas Serota, Director of the Tate Gallery, justifies London's need for a museum of modern art ("We will like to be inside the Bankside", July 19). Your third leader (July 21) argued

the case further. In 1961 Sir Herbert Read proposed that such a museum should be set up in London, fully independent of any existing institution. An organisation, Art Foundation, was formed with this objective, sponsored by British artists including Lynn Chadwick, Barbara Hepworth, Henry Moore, Ben Nich-olson, William Scott and Graham

Sutherland. A site was found in 1964 and a leasehold agreement was being drawn up when Roland Penrose, who was both a trustee of the Tate and a sponsor of Art Foundation, withdrew his support on the ground that most of the Tate trustees believed that the museum would compete with it for funds. This objection was pivotal in the decision to

abandon the project. Your leader pointed out that the Tate has evolved considerably beyond a national museum of British art. However, it is debatable whether one management should simultaneously control the exhibition policy of a new museum as well as the Tate at London, Liverpool and St Ives, Cornwall.

Perhaps an independent museum, to some extent in competition with the Tate, would stand more chance of being innovative and stimulating than expanding an established monolith which now celebrates its status as an antique.

Yours faithfully, JOHN DREWE.

Greenmantie. Washington Close, Reigate, Surrey.

From Mr Richard Goude

Sir, Nicholas Serota naturally made no mention of the incongruity of displaying the collection in a building which, whatever its merits, was designed for a completely different

What would Wren and Hawksmoor have thought of our feeble attitude towards building for the future of London?

Yours faithfully. RICHARD GÓUDE. 24 Rowsley Road,

Eastbourne, Sussex.

In praise of 'fat cats'

From Mr George Racz Sir, The anniversary of the Tate and vour welcome revelation that Paul Hamlyn has given £17 million to the South Bank Centre (report. July 19) are useful reminders that the "fat cats", the entrepreneurs and tycoons. far from being selfish and despicable, create lasting monuments for the

benefit of the country. Punitive taxation can reduce the wealthy to poverty but will not make the poor rich. The Government must allow the rich to accumulate more wealth because they create opportunities for others to contribute to the wealth of the nation.

Yours faithfully. GEORGE RACZ 7 Wellington House, Eton Road, NW3.

Shula's regrets From the Editor of The Archers

Society's Criminal Law Committee, discusses ("Soap justice just won't wash", Law. July 22) Simon Pemberton's non-custodial sentence, recently featured in The Archers on Radio 4. He suggests that the effect of the storyline will be to deter victims from re-porting incidents of domestic violence. Our opinion is the opposite. At his hearing Pemberton claimed that the attack on Debbie Aldridge was isolated and out of character. The assault on Shula Hebden would have disproved that, but it was by then 12

Sir, Roger Ede, Secretary of the Law

and no medical evidence, a prosecution was most unlikely. Surely the listener shares Shula's regrets. If she had reported the original assault when it occurred, then Debbie's ordeal would never have taken place. That is the message behind this story,

months old. The CPS advised us that

after such a delay, with no witnesses

Yours etc. VANESSA WHITBURN. Editor, The Archers, BBC Pebble Mill, Birmingham 5. July 24.

Floral disarray From Mr David Ackerman

Sir. Church flower-arrangers will know all about Oasis (the green substance which supports stems, as opposed to the band) and its role in the drama of ecclesiastical floral life (letters, July 19, 22).

It is perhaps shocking, although understandable to those whose life is spent in the vicinity of flower-arrangers, that a sign in my local church's sacristy states: Flower ladies: placing Oasis in this sink will result in death. Thank you so much.

Yours faithfully, DAVID ACKERMAN.

322 Woodstock Road, Oxford. July 23.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 25: The Earl of Airlie KT (Lord Chamberlain) had an audience of The Queen and presented an Address from the House of Lords to which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to make reply.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning unveiled a Memorial to Sir Francis Chichester at the West Hoe Pier. Plymouth, to commemorate the completion of his solo circumnavigation of the World in 1967, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of (Lieutenant-Colonel the Earl of Morley).

His Royal Highness. Admiral of the Fleet, later visited HMS Ra-leigh. Torpoint, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant Cornwall (the Lady Mary

Holborow).
The Duke of Edinburgh this evening amended the Flying Fil-teen Association Reception at the Commodore's House, Cowes, and. as a Member, later attended the Household Division Yacht Club Dinner at the Royal Yacht Squadron, the Castle, Cowes,
His Royal Highness was re-

crived on arrival in Cowes by Her Majesty's Governor and Lord-Lieutenant of the Isle of Wight (Mr

Christopher Bland). The Lord Haskel (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow

Airport, London, this afternoon upon the Departure of The Amir of the State of Qatar and bade farewell to His Highness on behalf of The Queen.

July 25: The Duke of York this morning presented the inaugural Colours to The London Regiment at the Duke of York's Head-quarters, Chelsen, London SW3. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

July 25: The Princess Royal today opened the Country Landowners Association's Game Fair at Castle Ashby and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire (Sir John

ST JAMES'S PALACE July 25: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, Army Air Corps, this morning received Lieutenant-Colonel Jonathan Parish upon assuming the appointment of Commanding Officer of 4 Regiment. His Royal Highness afterwards

presented the Colonel-in-Chief's Trophy to the 1997 winner. Warrant Officer 2 Ian Jellicoe. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE: July 25: Princess Alexandra, President of the Imperial Cancer Re-search Fund, and the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy this afternoon st-tended the Charity Race Day at Ascot Racecourse, Royal County of

Royal engagements

TODAY: Race 2 of the Flying Fliteen World Championships off Cowes, Isle of

The Prince of Wales will visit Caldey Island, Pembrokeshire, at 11.10; as vice-president, National Trust, will vist Dinefwt Park. Liandeilo, Dyfed, at 1255; as Patron, the Abbeyfield Society, will visit the Abbeyfield House, George Street, at 200; will attend a garden party at Stradey Castle, Llanelli. couples celebrating their golden wedding anniversary, at 3.00; will visit HM Bark En-deavour at Fishguard Ferry Terminel, at 6.20; and as Patron. BBC National Orchestra of Wals, will attend a concert at Fishguard High School at 7.00.

TOMORROW The Prince of Wales will visit the Centre for Alternative Technology, Machynileth, Powys, at 10.45: and as Chancellor of the University of Wales, will vist Gregynog Hall, near Newtown, at 12.20.

Prince Edward, as Patron, the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland, will attend the Comerata Scotland-Camerata Australia Con-The Duke of Kent, as President-in-Club, will attend the Historic Festival, at Silverstone Circuit, Northamptonshire, at noon.

Girdlers' Company

The following have been elected offices of the Girdlers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr D.R.L. James; Upper

Warden, Mr A.R. Westall: Middle Warden, Mr S.V. Straker; Renter Warden, Mr J.M. Westall.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Sir Peter Carey, former Permanent Secretary, DTI, 74; the Very Rev Wesley Carr, Dean of Westminster, 56; Mrs Pauline Clare, Chief Constable of Lan-cashire, 50; Mr Blake Edwards, film director and producer. 75: Sir Peter Hall, diplomat, 59; Mr J.W. Howard, Prime Minister of Australia. 58: Mr Mick Jagger. Rolling Stones singer. 54: Miss Barbara Jefford, actress. 67: Dr John Kilgour, former director of prison medical services, Home Office, 73: Mr Stanley Kubrick, film producer and director, 69: Professor James Lovelock, scientist, 78: Or Brian Mawhinney, MP, 57: Miss Helen Mirren, actress, 52: Baroness Oppenheim-Barnes, 67; Mr Lance Percival, actor and singer, 64; Professor Sir Keith Peters, FRS. physician, 59; Sir Frank Price. former chairman, British Water ways Board, 75; Sir Derek Riches diplomat, 85: Mr A.M.F. (Sandy Ross, former managing director, Mary Quant, 66; Mr Kenneth Snowman, antiquarian, 78: Mr M.H.W. Wells, former chairman, Charterhouse Japhet, 70: Dr Anne Wright, Vice-Chancellor, Sunderland University, 51.

TOMORROW: Mr Michael Ball. singer, 35: Mr Allan Border, cricketer. 42: Lord Cawley, 84: Mr Peter Coker, artist, 71: Mr Christopher Dean, ice skater, 39; Sir Ronald Dearing, former chairman, Post Office Corporation, 67; Miss Jo Durie, tennis player, 37: Dame Mary Green, former Head Mis-tress, Kidbrooke School, 84: Mr Jack Higgins, novelist, 68; Lord Jenkins of Putney, 89; Professor J.O'D. McGee, pathologist, 58; Sir James Munn, former chairman, Training Commission. 77: Mr David Poner, group chief executive, Guinness Mahon Holdings, 53; Baroness Williams of Crosby. 67.

Luncheons

Corporation of London To mark the visit by the Amir of the State of Qatar, the Corporation honour yesterday at the Mansion House. The Lord Mayor received the guests who included:

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Shalkh Mohamed bin Khalifa bin
Hamad Al-Thani (Finance, Economy
and Trade Ministeri. Shalkh Hamad
bin Jassim bin Jabr Al-Thani
(Foreign Ministeri. Ahdulia bin
Khalila Al-Antiya (President of Diwan
Amiril). Dr Mohamed Abdulraheem
Kafoud (Minister of Education).
Shalkh Mohamed bin Fahad AlThani (Director of Amiri Protocoli.
Shalkh Hamad bin Thamer Al-Thani
(Ambessador of the State of Qalari,
Shalkh Abdulrahman bin Sacud AlThani (Director of the Political
Department, Diwan Amiri). Shalkh

Sultan bin Jassim Al-Thani Jássistant Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, Economy and Trade), Mr Mohamed Jeham Al-kawari Ibirector of the European and American Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairsi. Mr Fawas Al-Attiya (Official Spokesman, Ministry of Foreign Affairs), the Ambassador of Egypt, the Ambassador of the Lebanon, the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates, the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia, the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia, the Ambassador of Ministry of Secretary of Saudi Arabia, the Ambassador of Ministry of Saudi Arabia, the Ambassador of Emirates, the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia, the Ambassador of Emirates, the Ambassador of Emirates, the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia, the Ambassador of Estaria (Saudi Arabia), the Ambassador of Bahrain, Lord Denman, General Sir Peter de Is Billère. Sir John Hanson, Dame Pauline Neville-Jones, Sir Colin Chandler, Sir Richard Evans, Mr John Shepherd, Mr Philip Asiley, representatives of the City Lands and Bridge House Estates Committee and Officers of the Corporation of London



The Duke of York carrying out an inspection at the Duke of York's Headquarters. Chelsea, London, yesterday after presenting inaugural Colours to the London Regiment, created in 1993 in a merger of four infantry regiments

Service dinners

Varcestershire and Sherwood

Poresters Regiment
The Worcestershire and Sherwood
Foresters Regiment held a dinner
with the 1st Battalion last night at Lucknow Barracks, Tidworth, Briga-dier J.P. Weller, Colonel of the Regiment, presided. Officers of the n The Worcestershire Regiment and The Sherwood Foresters and their ladies were present.

Royal Regiment of Wales
The Lord Lieutenant of South
Glamorgan and the Lord Lieutenant
of Mid Glamorgan attended a dinner
given by the Officers' Mess of the 3rd given by the Unicers' Mess of the 3rd (Cadet) Battalion Royal Regiment of Wales (previously Counties of Glamorgan ACP) last night at Longmoor to mark the battalion's annual summer camp. Colonel J. Wrangham was the host.

Appointment

Mr John Nutting, QC, to be member of the Lord Chancello Advisory Committee on Legal Edu-

Weekend anniversaries

TODAY BIRTHS: Winthrop Mackworth Praed, poet and politician, London, 1802; George Bernard Shaw, dramatist, Dublin, 1856; Serge Koussevitsky, conductor, Tver, Russia, 1874; Carl Gustay Jung. psychologist. Kesswyl. Germany. 1875; André Maurois. novelist and biographer, Elbeuf, France, 1885; Aldous Huxley, novelist, Godalming, Surrey, 1894; Robert Graves, poet and novelist, London, 1895; Paul Gallico, novelist, New York, 1897; Salvador Allende, President of Chile 1970-73.

DEATHS: John Wilmot, 2nd Earl of Rochester, poet and courtier.
Woodstock. Oxfordshire, 1680;
John Friend, physician and politician. London, 1728; Samuel Houston, 1st President of the Republic of Texas 1836-8 and 1841- Huntsville, Texas, 1863: George Borrow, writer, Oulton, Suffolk, 1881; Sir James Murray, philolo-gist, Oxford, 1915; William Jen-nings Bryan, political orator,

Dayton, Tennessee, 1925; Benjamin Whorf, anthropologist, Wetherfield, Connecticut, 1941; George Gallup, pioneer of public opinion polls, Switzerland, 1984. New York became the 11th state of the union, 1788.

After a Labour landslide in the general election, Clement Attlee became Prime Minister, 1945.

TOMORROW BIRTHS: Jean Bernoulli, mathematician, Basel, 1667; Charlotte Corday, assassin of Jean-Paul Marat, St Saturnin, France, 1768; Thomas Campbell, poet, Glasgow. 1777; Sir George Biddell Airy, Astronomer Royal 1836-92, Alnwick, Northumberland, 1801; Alexandre Dumas fils, dramatist, Paris, 1824; Enrique Granados, composer. Lérida. Spain, 1868; Hilaire Belloc, writer, La Celle, St Cloud, France, 1870; Giosue Car-ducci, poet, Nobel laureste 1906, Valdicastello, Italy, 1835.

DEATHS: Henri de la Tour d'Auvergne, Vicomte de Turenne,

Mikhail Lermontov, poet. killed in a duel, Pyatigorsk, Russia, 1841; John Dalton, chemist, Man-chester, 1844; Ferrucio Busoni, pianist and composer, Berlin, 1924; Louis-Hubert Lyantey, Marshal of France, Thorey, 1934; Gertrude Stein, writer, Paris, 1946; Richard Aldington, novellst and biog-rapher, Maison Salle, France, 962: Antonio de Oliveira Salazar Prime Minister of Portugal 1932-68, Lisbon, 1970; Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, Shah of Iran 1941-79, Cairo, 1980; James Mason, film actor. Switzerland, 1984; Sir Osbert Lancaster, writer, London

Marshal of France, Sassbach, 1675.

The Bank of England was granted a charter by an Act of Parliament insulin was isolated at Toronto

University by Sir Frederick Banting and Charles Best, The Korean armistice was signed in Panmunjom, ending three years

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. Acheson and Miss C. Cole. The engagement is announced between Gary, son of the late Mr George Acheson and of Mrs Hazel Acheson, of Armagh, Northern Ireland, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Chris Cole, of Edwalton, Nortingham

Mr P.M.H. Andreae and Mrs A.N. Baird The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs H.K. Andreae, and Rosemary, widow of Commander Andrew Baird, OBE, Royal Navy. Mr J.T. Armstrong

and Miss S.A. Brackenbury The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Armstrong, of Goring-on-Thames, South Oxfordshire, and Sandy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Brackenbury, of Grimsby, North

Mr.W.P. Berriss The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Berris, of Bray, Berk-shire, and Emma, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Sims, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

Mr M.R.J. Craddock and Miss P.R. Smith The engagement is announced between Matthew, elder son of Mr and Mrs Martin Craddock, of Hurst, Berkshire, and Peronel,

daughter of Dr and Mrs Robert Smith, of Frimley, Surrey. Mr C. Ross and Mins K.M. Toms

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs William Ross, of East Grinstead, West Sussex, and Katherine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Toms, of Copthorne, West Sussex. Mr D.J. Servini

and Miss S.J. Andrew The engagement is announced between Dominic Jon, son of Mrs C. Servind, of Cocklosters, Hertfordshire, and Sarah Jane, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.St.J. Andrew, of Kirkmichael, Blairoggade Rethibition. Biairgowrie, Perthshire. Mr J.D. Spence and Miss A.C.R. Smith

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mrs. Sally Spence, of London and the late Mr James Spence, and Arabella, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Smith, of

Mr N.S. Kerr and Miss R.S. Hayrean The engagement is announced between Nicholas Smart, son of the late S.C. Kerr and of Mrs Kerr. of Adelaide, and Rosemary Susan. elder daughter of Brigadier and Mrs I.H. Hayman, of Sydney.

Dr M.A.J. Tomms and Dr C.M.J. Smith The engagement is announced between Matthew, elder son of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Timms, of Heswall, Wirral, and Celia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Smith, of Laddingford, Kent. Dr M.G. Williamson

and the Rev R.H. Watts The engagement is armounced between Magnus, only son of Mr and Mrs John Anthony Williamson. of Mears Ashby, Northamptonshire, and Rebecca Harriet, younger daughter of the late Mr Geoffrey Waits and the late Mrs Phyllis Waits, and step-daughter of Mrs Mary Watts, of Stroat,

Marriages

Mr T.G. Bartleet and Miss R.F. Bone

and Miss R.F. Bolle
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 19, at the Parish
Church of St Mary the Virgin,
Twickenham, of Mr Grahame
Bartleet, son of Mr and Mrs R.A. Bartleet, of Goodameavy, Devon, to Miss Rebecca Bone, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.T.G. Bone, of Twickenham. The Rev Alun Glyn-Jones officiated assisted by the Right Rev John Bone.

The bride who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Ben Geering. Alasdah Holthy and Mrs Jane Geering. Mr Michael Greenwood was best

Mr C.M.G. Drummond and M C.N.A. Medianaron

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, July 19, in Beaulieu Sur-Mer, France, of Mr Charles Drummond, younger son of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs Mortimer Drummond, of Hill Head, Hampshire, to M Caroline Meulemans, youngest daughter of the late Professor Meulemans and of Mime Lucienne Wauters, of Beaulieu Sur Mer.

Mr C. Hargrave and Miss J. Mason

The marriage took place on Fri-day, July 25, at St Mary's Church, Chislehurst, Kent, between Mr Clive Hargrave and Miss Jean

Church services tomorrow

Ninth Sunday after Trinity ST ANDREWS CATHEORAL, ANCROSEM: N ARMAGH CATHEDRAL: 10 HC: 11 M. Incline thine ear (Himmel), Rev B Livingston;

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 11 Ch Euch: 4 Ch E. BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL: B HC: 9.15 M; 10.30 Euch, God so loved the world (Stainer).

10.30 Euch, God so loved the world (Statiet). Canon Galliet: 4 Ch. E. For the beauty of the earth (Rutter), Canon Hindley.

BRECON CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 11 Annual Reunion Service, A song of peace (Stanford), Canon A Pierce, 3.30 E, All things bright and betailful (Rutter).

beuaifful (Runer).

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL, College Green: 7.40
M: 8 HC: 10 Ch Euch, Ave maris Stella (Grieg),
Mass of the Holy Trinity (Walsh), The Dean:
3.30 Ch E, Responses (Neary), O nata lux
(Tailis), Cannon P Johnson.

CADEIRIAN BANGOR CATHEDRAL! # HC:
11 Ch Euch, Mass in G ischuberti, Ave verum
(Byrdt: 3.15 Ch E, Evening Service in D minor
(Walmisley). Walmisley).

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 M:
11 S EOCh, Ave verum (Hendriel, Ridout in F.
Rev R Symon; 3.15 E. Responses (Leighton-Jones), Moore in G. Rev D Cosins; 6.30 Compline.

Carlisle Cathedral: 10.30 S Euch, Thee we adore (Mawby), Canon D Weston; 3 E, Let thy meriful earl O Lord (Mudd). Responses (Sanders). ISBNOETS).
FHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP. 8 HC
9.30 Euch: 11.15 S Euch. Sumsion in P. God
Which prepared (Mudd). The Vice Provost; 6
Ch. E. Responses (Ayleward). Exuitata Deo
(Scarlant)

[Scarlant])
CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L. 8 HC: 10 Ch
Euch. Holy Is the true light (W H Harris), The
Deam: 11.30 Ch M. Responses (Rose), Te
Deum in B flat (Stanford), Carion O Conway.
3.30 Ch E. Responses (Rose). Sumston in G:
6.30 ES. Canon O Conway.
CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M: 13
EUCh. O Quam gloriosum, (Victoria), Ave
verum (Byrd), The Priest Vicar: 3.30 E. Pim in
8 flat, Lord. Iriou has been our refuge
(Balistow). (Bairstow). CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL Oxford: 8 HC: 10 M, Canon Ward: 11,18 S Euch, Missa brevis (Berkeley), Canon Peirce; 6 E. Stanford (a.C. (n G. COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP: 10.30 Euch. Mass in G minor (Vaughan Williams). Ave verum corpus (Elgari, Veri M Paget: 5 E. Responses (Leighton). Set me as u seni (Walton). DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M. Responses (Archer). To Deum in 8 flat (Stanford). Rev Dr D Say: 11.15 HC. Mass in G

ELY CATHEDRAL: S.13 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa, bravis in D (Mozard, Let nothing disturb thee (White). The Dean; 3.45 E. Sowerby in D. SOWERY IN D.

EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 \$ Euch.
Missa brevis (Gabrielli, Canon D ison: 11.15
M. Responses (Drew), Boyce in C. Rev G
Daxier: 3 HC. Responses (Drew), Noble in A
minor: 6.30 Es. Most glorious Lord of Life(Harrisk, Canon K Pstry). GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL: 8, 12.15 HC; 10.15 Euch, Missa Secunda (Hassieri, Canon R Grey: 3 E. If ye love me (Tallis). How excellent thy name (Burke).
GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S. Euch, Mass for four volces (Byrd, Ave verum (Byrd), Canon Dr M Palmer; 11.15 M. Te Deum (Globons). Lord for thy tender mercles sake (Parranti. Mrs. G Partridge: 6.30 E. Brewer in D. And I saw a new heaven (Bainton). Mr.J Mitchell.
HEREFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 Euch. Ubi cariass (Durante), if ye love me (Tallis); 11.30 M. Stanford in B flat. Almighty and Eveniesting God (Globons); 3.30 E. Nicholson in D flat. Rev R Davies. LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M; 10.30 S Euch. Harris in F, Tam peccatum (Taverner). The Treasurer; 4 EP.

(Taverneri, The Treasurer; 4 EP, LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10:30 S Euch, Jubilate in C (Britten), Octal omnium (Wood), Rev J Makepeace; 3:30 E. Responses (Rose); Collegium Regale (Howells). LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7:45 L. 8, 12:30 HC; 9:30 S Euch, Mass of the quiet hour (Oldrovd). The Precentor; 11:15 M, Ireland in F, Darke in F: 3:45 E. Noble in B minor. Cunon M Reardon.

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LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30
Euch, Canon N Vincent: 3 Ch E: 4 HC.
LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & L: 9 Euch,
The Dean: 11 S Euch, Viesne in C sharp
minor: Ave Maria (Parsons), Rev N H Brown.
MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 M: 9
Euch; 10.30 S Euch, The Archdescon; 6.30
EP. NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 S Euch. The Provost; 6 Ch E. NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 10.30 M. The Dean: 6.30 S Euch. Dom Gregory Murray. Prayer of St Richard of Chichester (L.) White, The Archdeacon.

Ine Archdeacon.

Norwick Cathedral: 7.30 MP: 8 HC: 10.30 S Euch, Missa brevis in B flat (Mozari). Ubi cartias (Durufie). Canon R Hanmer. 3.30 E. Responses (Neary), Kelly in C. Canon C Chapman: 6.50 NP. PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 9.30 M. Britten In C: 10.30 Euch, Mass in B flat (Schuberl). Ave verum corpus [Mozzar]. The Treasurer: 3.30 E. Keily In C, 1 was glad

The Provost: 11 S Euch, The Provost; 6.30 E, Canon A Willdrison. RIPON CATHED CAL 9 30 Euch, Sumsion in F. Canon J Bell; 11.30 M. Rasponses Ayleward, Te Deum in F (treland); 5.30 E, Dyson in D, The Déan. ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 M., RESPONSES (Howells), Te. Deum in A (Stanford): 10.30 S Euch. Betrstow in D., Archdescon of Bromley; 3.15 E. Collegium regate (Howells), Blessed city, Hesvenly Salem (Rajestow). SAUSBURY CATHEDRAL: 5 HC: 10 Euch, Missa Petriva (Peters), Canon J Davier: 11.30 M. Responses (Rose), Nicholson in D flat. Canon D Durston. SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 S Euch, Ven S Lowe; 6.30 E, Mrs J Zunde, SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL 9 Euch; 11 Ch Euch, Collegium regale (rlowells), God be in my bead (Rutes), Rev M Kitchen; 3 Ch E, Stanford in C. The Provest Stanford in C. The Provost.

#GUTH-WELL MINSTER: 7.30 MAIL & HC. 11

Euch, Messe solennelle (Langlais, Let all
moral flash (Bairstow), Canon P. R. Strange:

3.15 E. Responses (Clucas), Murrill in E.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: # HC. 9 M: 10 S Euch,
Hear my prayer (Purcett), The Chancellor: #

E. Responses (Rose). Blest pair of sirens
(Party).

WAKE HELD CATHEDRAL: # (Party).

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 11 8 Euch,
Canon R Gage: 6.30 E, Canon G NalmHittigs.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 S Euch,
Missa brevis (Sciber), Darke in F, Rey P G
Walker: 11.30 M. Stanford in C. The Lord
hath been mindful (5 8 Wesley): 3 E. Dyson in
D. Rey P de N Lucas.

WESTMINGTER ARREY: 8 HC: 11 M.

D. Rev P de N Llicas.

WESTMINSTÉR ABBEY: 8 HC; 11 M,
Collegium regale (Howells), Canon D Hutt,
11.15 Euch, Missa brevis in F [Mozart], Ave
verum (Mozart), Rev J Goodali; 3 E,
Magdalen Service (Leighton), Rev W Scott,
6.30 ES, Rev B Fenton.

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WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 10.30 M,
Collegium Regale (Howells). O clap your
hands (Gibbons). The Archdeston of
Basingstoke; 11.30 S Eoch, O sacrum
convivium (Messaien); 3.30 E, Gloucester
Service (Howells). And I saw a new heaven
Balmoni.

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YORK MINSTER: 8 HC: 10 S Euch, Darke In A. Canon J Toy. [1 20 M. Collegium Regala (Howells): 4 E. St Paul's Service (Howells). Canon J Rendall.
IT ALMANS CATHEDIRAL Electromistics: 4 HC: 9.30 Euch: 11 M. Responses (Reading). To Deum (Weelkes), Mr D Sawyer, 6.30 E. Responses (Smith/Stone). Short Service (Hoopen). Miss E Mickleburgh.
ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL Clwyd: 8 HC: 11 Ch. Euch, 1 est., the very thought of Thee (Vittoria). Rev C A Mitchell: 3.30 Ch. E. The Lord has been mindful of us (Wesley) ST EDMINISSEMENT CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 S Euch. Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow), Canon

M Mingins: 11.30 Ch C: 3.30 Ch E. Camique de Jose Racine (Fauré), Responses (Neary).

Robertson.
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch: 10.30 \$
Euch. Missa brevis in D (Mozari), Rev J
Millard: 3:30 Ch E. Gloucester Service. ST MACHARY CATHEDRAL, Old Absorbers: 11 Rev R Frazer, 6 Rev R Frazer. 11 Rev R Frazer, 6 Rev R Frazer.

ST FAMT.'S CATHEDRAL London: II HC: 8.45
M: 11 S Euch, Notre Père (Duruffé), Canon S
Oliver: 3.15 E. Lord, thou hast been qur
rétyge (Walker), Rev Dr C Curiffé.
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL.
Ennismore Gardens, London, SW7: 10.30
Divine Liturgy, Elevan and traditional
polyphony, Mer Ambony.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 2, 5,15 LM;
10.20 MP, 11 HM, Missa Bell Amfurit altera
(Lasyou), The Vicar; 6 E & E, Wise In F, Rev I
Davies.

Classus), The Vicar: 6 E & B; Wise in F; Rev I Davies.
All Souls, Langham Piace, Wi: 11 Rev Dr. I ston: 6.30 lb; F Beers.
The ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, Wi: 11 Missa O regem coeli (Palestrina), Bleased are they (Purcell).
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, \$W3; 8 HC; 11 M. Mr. J. Watherston; Verlein lins frieden; (Mendelssohn); 12:15 HC; 6 Ch E. Rev D Bean CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Cowall Garden, WC: 11.15 Rev S Hood: 6.30 Rev J McMahon.
PARM STREET, WI: 8, 9.30, 12:30, 4:15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.
HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7; 9 HC; 11 MS, Rev S Downham; 5, 7 Informal Service, Mr. J Jennings.
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7; 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Mass in E minor (Bruckner), Bearl quorum via (Stanford) 12:30, 4:30, 7; 3:30 V & E. O sacrum convivium (Victoria), ARMANIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF ST

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF ST SARKIS. INSTA GOOS. WE MCMURIAL POPULA FOR FOUNDER: Mr Calouste Gulbenklan. WESLEYS CHAPEL City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; Il MS, Rev T Miles. WESTIMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist, SWI: 11, 6.30, ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT. SmithBeld, EC1: 9 HC; IT Ch. Euch, The Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street. EC4: 11 Ch M. Darke in A minor. Salve regina (Poulenci, Canon J Cates; 6.30 E. Watson in E. Pestival Te Deum (Britten), Canon J Cates.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Ch M. Te Deum in C. [Stanford], Declare his honour (Purcell), Rev T Goode.

BT COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.
Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev J H McIndoe; 6.30
Rev W Alexander-Cairps. ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Piece: 9M: 11 M, imprompto (Viene), Missa wxii toni (Croce), Ave verum (Elear). ST JAMES'S, Picendilly: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev D Recver: 5.45 SP. 5.30 HC, Rev M Okelia.

5T LIMET. Chelres, 5W3: 8 HC; 10:30 MP; 04

10sti (Bruckner), Sister Teresa; 6.30 E.
Remember not. Lord, our offeness (Purcell),
Rev J Streeting.

5T MARK'S. Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 11

5 Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Be still, my
soul (Whitlock), Rev T Devonshire-lones.

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SUM (WHITCH), REV T DEVONSHITE-JONES.

ST MARGARETS, Westminster, SWI: 11 S
Euch, Missa brevis in D (Mozart), Ave verum
corpus (Lassus), The Restor.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC:
945 Euch; 245 Chinese Service; 5 Ch E; 6.30
ES, Rev C Herbet.

ST MARYS, Bourne Street, SWI: 9.10,7 LM;
11 RM, Missa brevis (A Gabriell), Fr B Scott; 6
E & B. E. B. ST. THE-VIRGIN. Primrose Hill: 8 HC: 10.30 Euch, New English Hymnai Setting. Rev J Ovenden; 6 Living with Paith. ST MARY-LEBONE. Marylebone Road, WI: 8 HC; 11 Ch Euch, Prof J Caldwell. ST MKCHAELS. Cornhull. RC3: 11 Ch Euch, Darke in E. Magdalen at Michael's Gate (Pastield), Ven G Reid. ST PAULS, Wilton Pisce, SWI: 8,9 HC: 11 Euch, Rev C Courneuld. ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SWI: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch: 11 S Elich, Missa Quarti toni (Victoria), Tantum Ergo (Durufie), Fr W P Keves:

Keyes.
ST SIMON ZELOTES, Müner St, SW3: 8 HC;
11 M. Preb M McGowan; 6:30 E.
CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA.
RIM Tower of Loudon; 9:15 HC; 11 M,
Responses (Sumsion), Te Deum (Chant), Rev
P K C Abnum. Canon E A James:

OUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11
M. Te Deum (Marpherson), Seek ye him that
made the seven stars (Eigen), The Chapitain.
THE TEMPLE CHURCH. Fleet Street8-30
HC: 11:15 HC. Stanford in C & F. Stanford
Coronazion in B Bar, The Master.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracis,
SWI: 11 M. Hear my prayer (Mendelssohn),
Rev L H Bryan; 12 HC.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL
Greenwich, SE 10: 11 S Euch, How beautiful
upon the mountains (Stalner), The Chapitain.

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When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a women, born under the law, to buy freedom for those who were under the law, in order that we might attain the status of sons.

Galatians 4: 4

BLOOM/RAYLISS - On July 19th at the Hospital of St John & St Elizabeth, to CAHILL SMETH - On July 12th at East Surrey Hospital, to Katle and Philip, a daughter, Madison Patricia Disebeth st The Eoyal Free Eampstead to Caroline (nos Bradshaw) and Govin. a daughter, Isabelle Louise. caugues, isanous Lourse, carpes on 22nd luy 1997 at Queen Charlotte's, to Margaret (née Mullin) and junes, a daughter, Thereas jude Sarbara, a sister for Lourse, Richard, Frederick and Julia and the treatieth grandchild for Gretta.

HWES - On July 15th in Johannesburg, to Permille (ade Barrow) and Hugh, a som, Chartle Hichard Jeremy, a friend for Quall. FURNISHAM - On July 22nd at The Fortunal Heavital, to filternes - The Fortism Hespital, to Alison (née Green) and Adrian, a besutiful son, Renedict Adrian Felix.

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On July 26th 1947 at Harrogate, North Yorkshire, John to Mary Erelyn (Betty). Congratulations and love from all your family and frames. MARRIOTT - Ron and Joan of Southbourne, Bournemouth Southbourse, Bournemouth Congratulations on your Golden Wedding Day, Love Lesley, Roberts and families. MOSCOWARLINGTHT - On 26th July 1947, at Aston Faish Church, Birmingham, Bruce Henry McGovan and Bavyl McKenzie (Pat) Liggitt were married by the Rt. Revd. Henry McGowan. Bishon of Henry McGowan, Bishop of Wakefield, father of the bridegroom. Present address: The Bell House, 29 Union Western Olivo 1 Jr.

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DEATHS CUTHERNISON - On 24th July 1997, James Robert, MC, Mentioned in Despatches, aged 84. Much loved and devoted husband of Vera, father, grandfather and friend. Formerly of Documents Division, Laboratory of the Manager, Drammonds Bank, Funeral and Thanksgiving Service at Lady St Mary Chunch, Warsham, Donset on Friday Ist August at 230pm. "With Carist, which is far least."

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BEN HOGAN

Ben Hogan, four times winner of the United States Open Golf Championship, died . yesterday in Fort Worth, Texas, aged 84. He was born in Dublin, Texas, on August 13, 1912.

To discussion of who was the greatest of all golfers ever omits Ben Hogan from even the shortest of lists. His supreme quality was acc-"Nobody covered the flag like Hogan," is a remark attributed to his great contem-porary Gene Sarazen, and those who saw him on his brief but triumphant visits to Brit-

ain had ample evidence of this.
Once he had mastered the tendency to hook, which afflicted his early years, his relentless practice, driven by a fanatical desire for perfection, enabled him to control not only which half of the fairway his ball should reach, but which side of which half.

His mastery of the golf ball was matched only by his mastery of himself. He never varied his pace of living or of playing. Among the few who saw him at close quarters off the course, the feeling was that he could not conceivably take more than the exact amount of butter needed to cover the number of slices of toast he had decided to eat.

Britain knew him only after the car crash that left him with a broken body but a spirit unimpaired, returning home to Fort Worth after finishing second in the Phoenix Open early in 1949. When Bernard Darwin saw him at Ganton, captaining the Ryder Cup team that autumn, he doubted whether a man of 37, so incapacitated that he could follow a match for only a few holes, would ever play compet-

itive golf again. Yet within 16 months of the crash, he had come back to win the US Open for the second time. None of his many victories gave him quite the same satisfaction as that one. Within a few years the story had been turned into a film. Follow the Sun (1951).

Hogan's steely determination had prevailed over broken bones and torn cartileges that were to cause him pain for the rest of his life. Somehow, his golf had been better than ever in the period between his return in 1945 to civilian life after two years' military service and his accident. In those years he won two American PGA championships and, in 1948, his first US Open. He was also twice the leading money-earner.

The year 1953 brought confirmation of that improvement, secured against every expectation. His record through that season deserves for sheer quality to be set alongside Jones's Grand Slam in 1930.

He won the US Masters by five strokes, lowering the record total by five strokes. The US Open he won by six strokes at Oakmont, lowering the championship record total for that monster of a course by lo strokes, and he won the British Open by four strokes. lowering his score each round until he finished with a record

He played five major tournaments that year and won them all. His accident had restricted his mobility and added physical pain, but it had deepened his already considerable technical knowledge and sharpened his golfing

It also increased the need for thorough preparation in every event be encountered; not that this was any hardship - he had always enjoyed practice. Before his victory in the Masters he played nearly a dozen rounds. It was the same at Carnoustie where he arrived ten days early in order to get used to the smaller ball and the harder turf.

His victory in that British Open has about it now an air of inevitability for he was palpably the greatest golfer in the field, as his large Carnoustie following sensed and acknowledged, with sober, prolonged applause. . He had won their admiration, not their hearts. On his

return home he was greeted

with ticker-tape down Broadway, but that reflected national pride in a great sporting figure, rather than an emotional delight.

Hogan attached absolutely no importance to popularity: he was dedicated to golf in the way a priest is dedicated to religion or a surgeon to his skills. The limelight interfered with his concentration, and on that altar he was prepared, if

necessary, to sacrifice almost anything, even the slightest courtesy to others.

This may have owed something to his background. The son of a Texas iron-worker. Benjamin William Hogan had sold papers as a boy to help make ends meet. According to his biographer, he was in the room when his father blew his brains out with a .45 calibre pistol, in the depths of the American Depression, early in the 1930s.

He must also have had to make tremendous demands on his courage and endurance after the collision which might have ended his life, let alone his career.

Certainly the steel in his character sometimes showed through plainly, and if he is the least understood of golfing figures, the fault was partly

his own, for allowing his indifference to appear as contempt. Actually, he had considerable charm and warmth. He took sober pride in his appearance. There was a magnetism about the ease and economy of his movement, and — though this is frequently overlooked - he was a modest man. Unfortunately, he disdained doing anything that made these qualities clear

to others.
After his father's suicide, his mother moved the family to Forth Worth and it was there that Hogan discovered golf as a caddie at the Glen Garden Country Club. At the age of 15 he narrowly lost the caddie championship to another boy, Byron Nelson, but at 17 he turned professional. In 1931, at the age of 19, he joined the American pro-tour.

His early playing life was a constant struggle and he was close to bankruptcy on several occasions until he won his first pro tournament at the Hershey Four-Ball in 1938. This laid the foundations of his formidable achievements.

Throughout his career he had to rely on the sheer genius of his play to win people over. He returned once more to Britain, to take part in the World Cup in 1956. Paired with Sam Snead, much of whose career had been in partial eclipse from Hogan, he went out in 31 and started back with a two on Wentworth's West course in one round.

That pace could not last, but it was a shaft of brilliance from a master of the game. In 1967 he returned to the Masters and in the third round scored 66, covering the last nine holes in 30. That brought the deferential Augusta crowd to its feet for some time. He finished tied tenth at the age of 54. He had hoped to win a fifth US title and thereby stand alone on a pinnacle. But golf humbles the highest as mercilessly as the lowest. When he appeared to have won in 1957, he was caught at the post by an unknown, Jack Fleck, who

beat him in the play-off. He was married, in 1935, to Valerie Fox.

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WILLIAM **BRENNAN**

William Brennan, former US Supeme Court Justice. died in a nursing home in Arlington, Virginia, on July 24 aged 91. He was born in Newark. New Jersey, on April 25, 1906.

IN A judicial career almost without parallel in its length and achievements, William Brennan was regarded as the spearhead of a campaign to extend individual liberties in the United States. In more than 1,200 opinions delivered during his 34 years as a member of the Supreme Court, he emerged as its most effective defender of freedoms against government intrusion. The landmark "one-person, onevote" principle of political reapportionment, the clarifica-

tion of libel law, and the broadening of the rights of all to seek redress against administrations were all his achievements. He served under eight Presi-

dents, beginning with the naturally conservative Eisenhower, who very soon became disconcerted by the tenor of new justice's liberal rulings. When subsequently asked if he had ever made a mistake during his presidency, Eisenhower said. "Yes, two, and they are both sitting on the Supreme Court" — a reference to Brennan and his equally liberal compeer, Thurgood Marshall.

When Brennan resigned from the Supreme Court in 1990, it marked the end of an era. President Bush ensured that the Supreme Court would thenceforth be of a much more conservative character. Judge David Souter was nominated to the bench, to be followed by Judge Clarence Thomas. These right-wing young men fundamentally altered the composition of the Supreme

Until his elevation to the Supreme Court by Eisenhower in 1956. Brennan had been little known. The second of eight children of Irish immigrants, he graduated from the Wharton School of Business in 1928, and Harvard Law School in 1931, before joining a law firm in his home town of Newark, New Jersey. There he specialised in labour law until 1949, when he became a judge the state courts.

On appointment to the Supreme Court, Brennan assumed the role of bridgebuilder between his fellow liberals and the court's conservative majority. But he became more outspoken as the bench swung to the Left under Kennedy and Johnson.

Throughout his career he was dedicated to procedural fairness by the government and the equality of justice for rich and poor. In a series of majority opinions, mostly written during the Johnson years under Chief Justice Warren, he influenced virtually every corner of modern constirutional law and much of American daily life.

Among Brennan's most famous rulings was Baker v Carr in 1962, known as the "one-man, one-vote" case. which thwarted local corruption by holding that the federal courts could decide cases involving legislative reapportionment. He also wrote the majority opinion for New York Times v Sullivan in 1964, which vastly expanded the freedom of the press. Brennan ruled that a public official could not recover damages for a defamatory falsehood relating to his official conduct. unless he proved the state-

ment was made with malice. Later that year Brennan expanded the principle to cover criminal libel. The press had further reason to be grateful to him in 1967, when. in Time Inc v Hill, he ruled that the same conditions should apply to invasion of privacy suits brought against the press by "newsworthy

persons". From the liberalisation of

obscenity laws to the rights of criminal defendants and the strict separation of Church and State in the public school system, there was hardly an area of the law in which William Brennan failed to make an impact. Though the only Roman Catholic on the bench at the time, he repeatedly voted against state aid to parochial schools. He was also instrumental in opening the doors of Federal courts to citizens with complaints against government officials, and voted to overturn laws discriminating against poor

and illegitimate children. The 1960s were the years of his greatest impact. In the following decade, as the composition of the Supreme Court became more conservative under Nixon and Ford, he assumed the role of a frequent: and vocal dissenter from its decisions. He. William O. Douglas and Thurgood Marshall formed a trio of staunch liberal protesters as much of their work was overturned.

Perceiving an anti-libertarian trend on the Supreme Court, Brennan urged litigants to turn to the state courts and state constitutional provisions so as to protect their individual rights, and expand them further. Though he was never able to convince his colleagues that the death penalty constituted cruel and unusual punishment in violation of the Eighth Amendment Brennan's ability to persuade those with contrary opinions did continue to bring results.



In 1976 he won notable victories in the fields of racial and sexual His last act was to assert the power of Congress to enact affirmative action programmes in favour of minorities.

In criminal cases, Brennan opposed Court decisions sanctioning warrantless searches and arrests, and he tried to prevent the whittling away of the rights of suspects. He spoke out strongly against limitations of the exclusionary rule, which barred the use of illegally obtained evidence in Court, and protested a 1972 judgment permitting non-

unanimous jury verdicts. With the retirement of William Douglas in 1975. Brennan became the senior Associate Justice. He had established a reputation as a painstaking legal technician. Had Ronald Reagan not won the 1980 election, he might have become Chief Justice. but when the post fell vacant in 1986, the job went instead to the conservative William

Rehnquist. Thurgood Marshall's trib ute to him at the time of his resignation in 1990 is perhaps his best epitaph: "A voice of caution and compassion in urging that this Court not mission to protect individuals' rights of freedom of expression, guarantee that minorities be free from discrimina tion, and to assure the rights of those accused of crimes."

rie, died in 1982 after 54 years of marriage. Later that year he married Mary Fowler, who had been his secretary for 25 years. She and the two sons and daughter of his first marriage all survive him.

Brennan's first wife, Mario

DR MURRAY COX

Dr Murray Cox. nsychotherapist at Broadmoor and Shakespearean enthusiast, died during heart surgery on June 28 1997 aged 65. He was born on July 22, 1931.

The sudden death of Murray Cox has deprived forensic psychotherapy of a rare andcreative talent who combined. generosity of spirit with precise attentiveness and imaginative flair. Always both fascinated by boundaries and concerned to cross them, Cox possessed a formidably retentive memory for creative quotation, which he used extensively in his work as a therapist. increasingly, he came to believe in the "aesthetic imperative", the potential of creative language to enable patients to explore their self-identity.

Cox refused to join "the

grey army of agnostic psychotherapists", and saw his work as in many respects a "priestlike task". He was concerned to enable each individual, with his or her unique

story, to relate to the "larger The spiritual and theological

were always important to him. A distinctive figure, with large sideburns, crumpled cotton suits, piercing eyes and an enigmatic smile, he was a natural enthusiast, possessed of the verve and excitement of new discoveries, encouraging others with sensitivity and warmth — and with, above all. a sense of fun. His Broadmoor office was rather like a grotto. filled with piles of books and carvings, and with walls hung with unusual pictures, each of which seemed to have a sym-

Murray Newell Cox was born in Birmingham on July 22, 1931, the eldest of three sons of the Rev Roland L. Cox. a Methodist minister, and his wife, Ruth. He was educated at Kingswood School, before going up to St Catharine's College, Cambridge, in 1949 to read Natural Sciences. He then trained as a doctor at the London Hospital. In 1959 he married Caroline McNeill Love (now Baroness Cox).

During his ten years as a



general practitioner, which he always valued for the wide experience it gave him, he pursued his interest in psychiatry and began his long engagement with forensic psy-chotherapy at Pentonville

Prison. In 1970 he was appointed a consultant psychotherapist at Broadmoor. He worked, outstandingly. ment for well over 20 years -

almost twice as long as any of

his medical colleagues - and Christopher Cordess, Forensic special significant for him. He tenaciously pursued the establishment in the hospital of group psychotherapy, in the face of the scepticism of a rigid and hierarchical institution with a custodial ethos antagonistic towards therapy.

To survive at all as a psychotherapist in such an environment was an achievement, but Cox did so with enthusiasm, and commanded universal respect. He empathised with patients who are easily treated as scapegoats or pariahs. In the face of a condemning culture, he stood up for the humanity of every individual, including those who had been responsible for terrible and violent

He believed the key to forensic psychotherapy to be owerfully expressed Freud's conviction that "the sense of guilt was present before the misdeed, that it did not arise from it, but converse-- the misdeed arose from the sense of guilt".

In his psychotherapeutic practice he was humane and sensitive but never "soft". He taught many how to listen with a "third ear" for the deeper meanings in the utterances of the inarticulate or the psychotic. Beyond Broadmoor he was considered a pioneer and a leader in his own field of forensic psychotherapy, in which he had an international

found expression in extensive writing, notably Coding the Therapeutic Process (1978) and Structuring the Therapeutic Process (1978), and the standard work he edited with

an adviser to a number of Royal Shakespeare Company productions. Together with Mark Rylance he arranged performances of Shakespeare in Broadmoor (described, in 1992, in Shakespeare comes to Broadmoor). These special RSC productions in front of patients could have dramatic effects, not only for patients

audience that included those His professional work who had themselves actually Murray Cox's brother, John, is Dean of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Murray is survived by his wife and their two sons and daughter.

AVE ATQUE VALE. A DESTROYER'S END. (FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

she was in the heyday of her youth. In her Clyde birthplace we thought her good, and we vesterday, that first trip to see when, steaming at 20 knots, we saw the coast (ading into a blue-grey line astern and felt her rising and falling to the gentle ocean swell. It was her sea baptism, and we can almost taste the salty tang as the breeze freshened and the first Day after day, night after night, she was at

sea in that deep and open expanse of water which lies between the Firth of Forth and the Skagerrak. Sometimes it was fine, sometimes leaden-coloured whitecaps rolling down from the northward. The great bardeships and battle-cruisers steamed stolidly through them; the light-cruisers were lively and wet; the destroyers smashed over and through the surges - lifting and falling, lurching, sliding, and thumping dizzily with their low decks ever swept by green seas. It was comfortless, wet, and cold, with hot food at a discount ...

ON THIS DAY

July 26, 1926

An errors from a long article by Captain Taprell Dorling, DSO, RN (1883-1968). Dorling, who fought in the two world wars, was a navai historian and, under the pseudonym Taffrail a novelist and short story writer. He was paid ERLIS Od (E3.07) for the article.

minelayer, and before long, with other destroyers and a flotilla leader, we came to know the Heligoland Bight, as perhaps no other British flotilia will ever know it. We were there twice a week, sometimes oftener, and on each occasion left something tangible behind us, something which gave the enemy submarines and small surface craft furiously to think. There were hostile minefields too, the locations of which were unignown, and the one never-to-be-forgotten night we paid the pen-alty. There came the thudding roar of a heavy explosion and a brilliant ruby flash illuminating sky and sea as the fifth destroyer in the

magazine. Some valuable lives were saved, and the battered remains of the stricken ship were taken in tow, but while the work was yet in progress, another destroyer went up in a pillar of mingled flame and smoke . . .

When, on the grey morning of November 21, 1918, the flotilla carried out its last operation of the war, it was not alone. It was one of those typical North Sea days with a mist reducing the visibility to a few thousand yards; but the sea seemed covered in ships the entire Grand Fleet with representatives of the United States and France and Japan. Presently, through a smudge of smoke darkening the haze to the eastward, there appeared the grey shape of a British lightcruiser. A few seconds passed, and then the ponderous bulk of an enemy cruiser slid slowly into view. Ship after ship followed her bandeships, bande cruisers, light-cruisers, and destroyers. And at 3.37 p.m. that same afternoon, when the hostile squadrons had been escorted to their anchorage and the British bugles were sounding the sunset call, the enemy ensigns came fluttering down for the last time.

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The "work to work" scheme was condemned by passengers and railway groups. Unions said it was a half-baked idea that would threaten safety standards

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A "distinguished" education official was jailed for fiddling more than £21,000 in expenses. William Lambert claimed firstclass train fares from Wales to London for "academic meetings" when he was really visiting museums and galleries Page 1

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The Defence Ministry is expected to reassess the impact of nerve gas on Gulf War troops after the Pentagon said that fallout from the bombing of a chemical weapons plant may have been greater than previously thought.....Page 12

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India's 150 million Untouchables watched in awe as one of their number was taken in a limousine and then a horse-drawn carriage to be installed as the country's

Nutty squirrel attacks six

A squirrel with "something wrong with its brain" ran amok in Hampstead, biting six people - including a woman reading in her garden - before being seen off by a building worker armed with a spade. A council official said it was demanding food with menaces. All six victims needed hospital treatment.......Page 6

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Leopard (Pax nochanceis)

Lies in ambush in greenery for its prey.

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it has never been known to change its spots.



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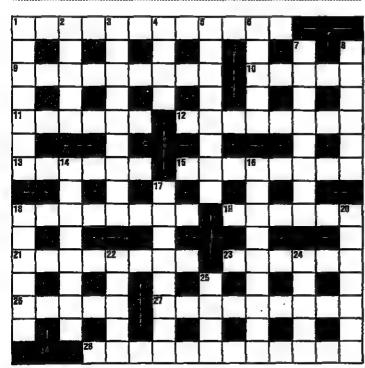
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A E20 book token will be awarded to the senders of the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486. Virginia Street, London El 9DD. The names of the winners and the solution will be published next Saturday.



ACROSS

- I Huge solace in collapsing where one can put one's feet up (6,6).
- 9 Some lords are not concerned with any matter (9). 10 Poet died at the stake (5).
- 11 Dramatist making a person sick
- 12 Beef joint to begin with is
- 13 Strong, firm, and cold (6). 15 Become emotional, depressed by
- 18 Put away, having broken down
- 19 Be conspicuous as second best (6).
- 21 Succeed old duke banished from Milan (8). 23 Dun't keep on soldiers neglecting
- duty (6). 26 Cupper can do some discourteous driving (3.2).
- 27 Revision of page one is work done secretly (9).
- 28 Noble's seat in Northern town

Solution to Puzzle No 20.536

LAST WEEK'S WINNERS: P Wilkes, Aine, York: J M O'Riordon, Barnstable, Devon; B M Trumper, Hall Green, Birmingham; P Clayton, Chard, Somerset, J Noyes, Norwich.

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4 Archbishop's double pops up (4).

5 One desiring to undergo Japa-nese drama? Not any more (2.6).

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14 Just starting, Pular explorer's lost

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17 Divides up accommodation (8).

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18 Quick to support father in church

20 Absurd lies accept by crazy fool

25 Primate welcoming saint in part

Solution to Puzzle No 20.541

22 Strike horse with vigour (5).

24 One judge is mad (5).

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FORECAST

☐ General: England and Wales will have a rather cloudy day with occasional showery outbreaks of rain. Northern Ireland will be cloudy at first with some patchy rain, but it should brighten up later. Scotland will also have a little sunatione, but there will be

a number of heavy showers. ☐ London, SE England, E Anglie, E Midlands, Charanel Islae: early sunny spells, becoming cloudy, warmand humid with patchy rain. Wind and humid with patchy rain. Wind southwest, moderate. Max 25C (77F). ☐ Central S England, SW England S Wales: cloudy with showers. Win southwest, brisk. Max 22C (72F).

DE England, Central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argytt: early sunny spells, turning cloudy with some heavy showers. Wind southwest, light to moderate. Max 19C (66F).

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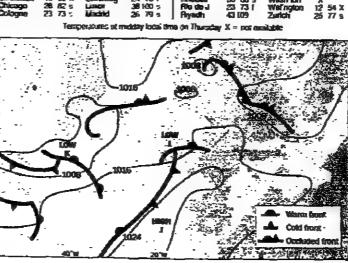
N Ireland: mainly cloudy with brief sunny spells and heavy and lengthy showers, brightening later. Wind vari-able, light. Max 19C (66F).

☐ Outlook: warm and sunny. Pollen: low in all greas except for S Scotland, N Ireland, NW and NE England and N Wales, where it will be moderate (supplied by the Pollen Research Unit).

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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

LVMH deal 'carries extra tax cost of £1.5bn'

BY DOMENIC WALSH

GUINNESS and Grand Metropolitan, which plan a E24 billion merger, yesterday claimed Bernard Arnault's rival proposals would cost shareholders an extra £1.5 billion in tax.

Dismissing the LVMH chief's scheme as "smash-and-grab stuff", Tony Greener, chairman of Guinness, wowed to plough ahead with the proposals of the proposals.

plans to merge with GrandMet.

Earlier this week, M Arnault gave warning he would kill off the merger rather than see his

Pressure

mounts

for fourth

rate rise

By Alasdair Murray, economics correspondent

Simon Briscoe, director of

research at Nikko Europe,

said that the latest data

showed the economy is already beginning to slow and predicted the annual GDP

growth rate could begin to fall

by the fourth quarter of the

year. The figures show only

around 20 per cent of the economy is growing seriously above trend and its relative

weakness eases the pressure

mittee to raise rates," he said.

omist at James Capel, gave

warning that much of the extra spending caused by

windfall payouts is yet to show

in the data. He said: "In the

third quarter windfall spend-

ing should come through by

the bucket load, pushing the service sector to levels where

inflation pressures will further

main cause of the improve-

ment in GDP, with the annual rate of growth accelerating to

4.5 per cent from 4.1 per cent in

the first quarter. Manufactur-

ing output was broadly flat, while overall industrial pro-

duction grew slightly because

of a pick-up in energy supply after a weak first quarter.

The ONS said there was evidence of especially strong

growth in the business services sector. Transport and telecom-

munications, distribution ser-vices and hotel and catering

also enjoyed an improved quar-

But the markets took little

notice yesterday of the data, which was largely in line with expectations. The pound closed down around half a

pfennig at DM3.0589, while

sterling's trade weighted index

down 11.4 points at 4,851.5 in a

quiet end to the week. But

more volatile trading is expect-

ed next week as investors

again focus on Wall Street. Key US GDP and employ-

ment data will be an early test for Alan Greenspan's cautious optimism over the outlook for

the American economy given in his Humphrey-Hawkins testimony last Wednesday.

fell 0.1 to close at 106.2. The FTSE 100 also closed

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The service sector was the

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But David Bloom, UK econ-

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ECONOMIC growth accel-

erated in the second quarter

of this year, heightening City fears that the Bank of Eng-land will respond with another quarter-point rate

The provisional estimate by

the Office of National Statis-

tics (ONS) showed GDP in-

creasing at a quarterly rate of 0.9 per cent. This would take

the annual rate of growth to

per cent the previous quarter. Economists said that the

new data, which closely fol-

lows figures showing high street sales running at levels not seen since the late 1980s.

was likely to persuade the

Bank to make a fourth-consec-

utive rate rise when its mone-

tary policy committee assem-

bles on August 7.
But the GDP data also

pointed to a growing gap

between the booming services

side of the economy and a

manufacturing sector strug-gling under the impact of a

strong pound. A number of economic fore-

casters, including Martin Weale of the National Institute

of Economic and Social Re-

search, have given warning

that further rate rises, coupled with the continuing strength of the pound, could result in

monetary policy "overkill", and send the economy into

BUSINESS

TODAY

recession next year.

rise early next month.

own plans rejected. His proposal envisages a merger of LVMH's Moet Hennessy and the drinks arms of Guinness and GrandMet, with Guinness Brewing, Pillsbury and Burger King

spun off into separate companies.

But John McGrath, chief executive of GrandMet, said discussions with the US Internal Revenue Service last year, when the company was considering demerging Burger King, had revealed it would have faced a huge tax bill. He added: "In this instance, the total cost of demerging Pillsbury and Burger King

means we would be hit by a £1.5 billion tax bill."
But he did not rule out spinning off businesses

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in the future. Philip Yea, finance director of Guinness, expressed astonishment that M Arnault, who controls more than 10 per cent of Guinness and GrandMet, was ready to kill the deal as this would drive down the share prices of both. He confirmed that if M Arnault tried to build up a blocking 25 per cent stake in GrandMer, other ways of structuring the deal so that a simple majority was sufficient, would be looked at.

Despite the strength of the riposte, Mr Greener said he was still hopeful some sort of agreement could be reached "at the right price". Analysts generally welcomed the defence as strengthening the case for GMG Brands. One i am more confident they can get it through on their terms although it is always

dangerous to underestimate Arnault. A spokesman for LVMH said that the statement "adds nothing of value".

Streetfighter squares up, page Z

SFA under fire for closing stockbroker

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

INTEGRATED Asset Manage-ment, the fund manager, last night accused the Securities and Futures Authority of unnecessarily closing John Siddall and Son, a Manchester stockbroker that it was about to rescue.

The SFA had ordered the firm to cease trading for failing to maintain adequate financial resources. The firm incurred a bad debt of £600,000 last year when a group of private clients in London failed to pay dealings in one stock.

The SFA said that the firm had informed the regulator that it would rectify its finances but had failed to do so.

in June the regulator expelled two of the firm's directors for deceiving it over their dealings in Anglia Television Group shares in 1994.

Last night the firm was in last-minute merger talks with a number at nts rivais Manchester. It expected to reach a solution over the weekend. John Siddall and Son had managed £50 million on behalf

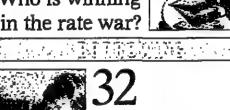
of 7,000 private clients. Peter Leonard, director of IAM, said the SFA's action had been unnecessary. IAM had given the broker £670,000 as part of a planned reverse takeover. The SFA said the money had been held in a client account and not in the firm's capital account.

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Hozelock shares plunge after washout weather

By CHRIS AYRES

IT NEVER rains but it pours for Hozelock. The garden hose company, whose export orders have been severely affected by the strong pound, saw domestic business washed out by the wettest June in Britain this century. To make matters worse, the

wet weather was not confined to Britain. Nearly every other European country to which Hozelock exports was drenched by unseasonal rainfall. Hozelock said yesterday

wipe at least £1 million off this year's profits, while some analysts predicted profits would be closer to £6.5 million than the £10.5 million forecast.

The City was typically unsympathetic, and Hozelock's shares plunged 78p to close at 280p — a long way from their high of 514 p in September last year. The raid washed away £18.4 million of the company's market value. David Codling, Hozelock's

chief executive, yesterday bat-

tled to hide his frustration

which are completely out of our control have come together to hit our sales," he said. "It is particularly disap-pointing when the fundamen-tals of the business are very strong. We have a 74 per cent market share in Britain which is growing, and we are also

with the weather. "Factors

strengthening our market share in continental Europe." Mr Codling said costs would have to be reduced and that 18 jobs had been axed this

Leading article, page 21 that its misfortunes would Sacked Ronson duo seek £12 m



HOWARD HODGSON, the former funeral director, and Christine Pickles, his girlfriend, who were ousted as directors of Ronson last month, are suing the lighter and watchmaker for nearly £500,000 in compensation.

The duo claim that they were "stigmatised" by the manner of their sackings and are demanding that Ronson pays out the full amount due under their contracts of em-

Mr Hodgson is claiming £383,000, representing two Hodgson and Ms Pickles were years of salary, pension and

perks, and Ms Pickles

and corporate development

stances where no criticism of [their] performance as an employee was or could be made properly". However, they admit the performance of the company has been "poor where compared to forecast performance".

Mr Hodgson, who was un-He recently approached Albigroup, with a 37p a share offer

By Jason Nissé "forced to resign in circum-

£104,000, equal to one year's money. Ronson is paying them until Wednesday's annual meeting but believes they are not entitled to any further The duo were chief executive

director respectively of the group, which issued two sets of profit warnings within months of raising £10 million in a rights issue and made a loss of £2.2 million last year. The writ issued by Nabarro Nathanson claims that Mr

available for comment yesterday, is believed to be preparing an offer for Ronson. on Consortium Fund, which controls 17.7 per cent of the

BUSINESS NEWS

Lex steers upmarket after £44m disposals

LEX SERVICE, the vehicle retailing and leasing company, yesterday sold its downmarket car dealerships to Pendragon for £44 million to focus on the high-margin market for Mercedes and Jag-

Pendragon, another car distributor, entered into the deal as part of a £64 million investment plan that will be financed from a £56 million fourfor-seven rights issue at 265p a share, it hopes to acquire a further 30 dealerships. Pendragon shares fell 35p to 313½ p. Lex rose 2½ p to 403p.

Andy Harrison, Lex's chief executive, said the company had made an important strategic move that would focus Lex-

Cortworth agrees to bid by BI

By OLIVER AUGUST

CORTWORTH, the specialist engineering company formed via a management buyout from Williams Holdings in 1994, has agreed to a £93.6 million takeover bid from BI Group.

Bl. a subsidiary of the privately-owned NIC Holdings, of Birmingham. is offering 196p a share, a 25 per cent premium to Thursday's closing price of 156p. The shares have fallen from a high of 195p in September 1996 because of sluggish trading in Cortworth's construction

and plastics divisions. Bill McMurray, the Cortworth chief executive who led the buyout from Williams, is expected to leave the business. He said that the offer represented good value for Cortworth

Retail on fewer, specialist manufacturers where it had a good track record of

David Leibling, the com munications director, said: The dealerships we are selling are mainly Ford and Vauxhall. They are high volunte. low margin. Their return on capital is well below 10 per cent. That is not acceptable. Our other dealerships have

returns of almost 20 per cent." Pendragon acquired 24 dealerships from Lex, which is now left with 37. Mr Leibling said: "We plan to invest up to £10 million in further acquisitions." But he said that the number of dealerships would not rise above 50 again. At least some of the E10 million will go towards the refurbishment and relocation of clealerships.

Lex will receive 40 per cent of the sale proceeds on completion at the end of September. 30 per cent after one year, and another 30 per cent after two years. The sale gives a 10 per cent discount off the book value of assets and is earnings neutral. Lex said. A E6 million hit for associated costs and £25 million in goodwill will be charged to Lex.

Mr Leibling blamed the carmakers for some of the problems in improving margins at the high volume end of the market. He said the manufacturers were causing disruption in the market by trying to influence the sales process.

In the six months to June 30, pre-tax profits at Lex rose from £27.7 million to £30.4 million. Earnings rose to 19.1p a share from 17p. Turnover fell to 2777 million pounds, from £812 million. The interim dividend was lifted from 6.4p to 6.8p.

Pendragon also published interim figures. Pre-tax profits increased from £5.9 million to £6.7 million. Earnings per share went from 10.2p to 11.8p and the dividend was raised from 3.3p to 3.5p.

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Pointing the way: Sir Trevor Chinn. the chairman of Lex, left, with Andy Harrison

Pitcher defiant at **Utilities** meeting

IN CHRISTING BUCKLEY

SIR Desmond Pitcher, executive chairman of United Utilities, was in defiant mood at yesterday's annual meeting of shareholders, insisting that he would stay at the helm of the water and electricity company after last week's controversial departure of the chief executive, Brian Staples.

Sir Desmond denied that Mr Staples's sudden departure was linked to pressure for him to give up the executive chairman's post. After the neeting, Sir Desmond said: "I've no intention of resign-ing. I have worked to build this company up."

At the meeting, in Manches-ter, attended by 300 shareholders, Sir Desmond faced a call for his resignation and criti-cism over executive pay. Seek-ing explanation of Mr Staples's departure, one shareholder said: "I do not think you should remain as chairman of this company if you do not justify your actions."

Sir Desmond, who also unveiled a review that could hit discretionary spending on cus-tomer rebates and voluntary compensation, refused to disclose the reasons behind the exit of Mr Staples. Nor would he let non-executive directors take shareholder questions about their credentials.

The board has been criticised by analysts for lacking heavyweight figures and for being under Sir Desmond's influence. Sir Desmond hopes to address these concerns with the appointment of Sir Richard Evans, chief executive of British Aerospace, as a non-executive director.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Members named for **Low Pay Commission**

THE Government yesterday announced the names of the eight people who will sit on the Low Pay Commission, which will recommend a rate for a minimum wage under the chairmanship of Professor George Bain. The list includes three union officials, two academics and a member of the main organisation for employers. The eight are David Metcalf. Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics; Stephanie Monk, director of human resources for Granada Group; Paul Gates, general secretary of the Knitwear, Footwear and Apparel Trades Union; John Cridland, director of human resources policy for the CBI, Rira Donaghy, an official of Unison; Lawrence Dewar, chief executive of the Scottish Grocers' Federation; Bill Callaghan, head of economic affairs for the TUC, and William Brown, Professor of

Industrial Relations at Cambridge University.

More than 500 people applied for the unpaid job of a member of the commission, which is expected to recommend an hourly rate next year after taking evidence from both sides of industry. The commission is smaller than had been expected, but includes representatives of all sides of industry, as the Government had promised. The institute of Directors said it felt that the balance was reasonably fair, but there was inadequate representation of small and medium-size businesses, which would be particularly affected by a minimum wage. Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, said that the minimum wage was one of the Government's top priorities and would ensure minimum standards for workers.

Bond sentence appeal

AUSTRALIA'S top prosecutor began court action seeking a tougher prison sentence for Alan Bond, the failed entrepreneur, over the biggest corporate traud in the country's history. The Western Australia Supreme Court began hearing an appeal against the four-year sentence imposed on Bond, which the prosecution described as "manifestly inadequate". Bond admitted he failed to act honestly as a company director and with intent to defraud when he created a A\$1 billion (£444 million) unsecured loan from Bell Resources to his ailing Bond Corporation.

Waterford backs link

WATERFORD FOODS and Waterford Co-operative Society waterford by the members of the society at a special meeting yesterday. Waterford said 86 per cent voted for the merger, well above the 75 per cent required. Waterford Co-op said it intends to accept the proposal in respect of its holding of 8.5 per cent of the ordinary A'shares and its holding of all ordinary B'shares in Waterford Foods. Waterford Foods said all necessary approvals for the merger have been obtained from members of Avonmore Creameries and Avonmore Foods.

Waddington warning

SHARES in Waddington fell 9p to 254's p as the paper group said that sterling's strength will harm operating profits in its year to March 3i. David Perry, chairman, forecast a negative impact in translating results of overseas subsidiaries, and said: "At the time of our results announcement in June, we had factored the higher value of the pound into our budgets for the coming year. Since that time, sterling has appreciated further, and on this basis we estimate that there will be an additional adverse impact of around El million on group operating profit for the current financial year."

Avocet seeks £5m

AVOCET, the mining company, hopes to raise £5.4 million through the private placing of 3.25 million shares at 165p each. The shares represent less than 10 per cent of the company's total capital. The cash raised through the placing will be used to pay off outstanding debts and provide working capital. The group says that it expects a rise in tunester prices, and hopes to reschedule a number of its loan repayments. Among the investors in the placing is Jocelyn Waller, Avocet's chief executive, who will raise his stake in the company from 6.3 per cent to 7.6 per cent.

Hearts trims loss

HEART OF MIDICITHAN, the Scottish premier league football club, which was floated in London two months ago, reduced its pre-tax losses from £2 million to £1.5 million last year. Gate receipts grew from \$2.5 million to \$2.9 million. helping to lift turnover from £4.3 million to £4.9 million. The club is continuing its restructuring before new television and sponsorship deals are made next year, and it expects turnover to be boosted by the record sale of 8,200 season tickets and 10,000 home and away Hearts strips. The loss per share fell from 34.1p to 25.5p. No dividend will be paid.

Delays hit Puma sales

PUMA, the German sportswear group, expects sales growth below 10 per cent this year after turnover climbed 6 per cent in the first half. "Overall we are expecting single-digit rate sales growth for the 1997 business year." Puma said in its interim statement. The company said that net profit rose 6.1 per cent to DM41.2 million (£13.4 million). Orders in hand on June 30 were up 18.8 per cent at DM205.7 million. In spite of good orders, delays related to the start-up of a new logistical centre in Germany slowed sales in May and June, and the effect is expected to continue into the third quarter.

Britannia Group bids

BRITANNIA GROUP, the Cheltenham construction company that recently sold its loss-making housebuilding division to Bovis Homes, has made an E&A million agreed cash bid for British Building and Engineering Appliances (BB&EA), in which it already has a 55 per cent stake. The deal, which values BB&EA's shares at 75p each, represents a 40 per cent premium on the company's share price on February 4, the day before the offer period began. Britannia, which was hit by a £2.5 million loss on its discontinued activities last year, said the acquisition would boost its earnings per share.

Huntingdon shares suspended

DEALINGS in Huntingdon Life Sciences, the company at the centre of a storm over laboratory experiments on animals, were suspended yesterday after criticism of the company by George Howarth.

the Home Office Minister. The shares were suspended at 54p, valuing Huntingdon at E61.6 million. The shares recently traded at 121p, a threefor the suspension in order to mals at the end of November prepare a reply to Mr Howarth's threat to revoke its licence to use animals in laboratory experiments.

Mr Howarth was responding to a Channel 4 documentary broadcast in March that included images of dogs kept in squalid conditions.

The Government said it would revoke Huntingdon's Tempus, page 28 | year high. Huntingdon asked | licence to experiment on ani-

unless the company met 16 stringent safety conditions. As a result of the documen-

tary and a subsequent investigation, two employees have been charged with offences under the 1911 Protection of Animals Act and the licence of a third has been revoked. . .

Christopher. Cliffe, Huntingdon's chief executive, said yesterday that Mr Howarth's

pany by surprise. "We only received a letter with the Home Office's decision this afternoon, about an hour before his response was read out in Parliament," Mr Cliffe said. He rejected suggestions that losing the certificate of desig-

statement had taken the com-

nation would force the company to close.

Float is on, insists Hall of Fame

BY FRASER NELSON

HALL OF FAME, the football exhibition company chaired by Geoff Hurst, insists its £4.8 million Alternative Investment Market float is going ahead, in spite of reports of "technical difficulties" with its £4 million fundraising.

Steve McVickers, a founding shareholder, denied that fundraising had hit the rocks. There have been a few problems with technical difficulties, but there is no question about it being called off." he said.

Gary Trowsdale, managing director, denied that there had been any difficulties at all and described Mr McVickers's comments as "outrageous". The only problem, he said, was the departure of Malcolm Evans who, with Mr McVickers, once worked for Firecrest, the technology stock delisted from the AIM.

However, Nabarro Wells, the nominated adviser, refused to give a date for dealings. "This is not an institutional placing." son. "We are raising money from a number of wealthy individuals, which makes it a bit different, but as far as I am concerned the floration will happen in weeks rather than months. But no transaction is complete until it is over."

Titled tilt at export market

BY FRASER NELSON

THOMAS GOODE, the Queen's favourite china shop, has appointed a titled style council of four to advise on its plans to take its luxury goods into Europe. Lord Patten, a former Edu-

cation Secretary, Lord Gowrie, Lady Powell and Earl of Snowdon have been recruited as advisers to Rumi Verjee, a City financier who has taken complete control of

the company.

Lord Gowrie, a former Minister for Arts, said yesterday: "I don't think it's libellous to say that the company has a decent profile which has wobbled a little bit recently. But Rumi Verjee is an excellent chap, and I'm glad to see he is getting it back on track."

All four will be treated as non-executive directors and will be paid an undisclosed salary. They are all customers of the company's Mayfair shop and will attend quarter-ly board meetings. Mr Verjee, who also sits

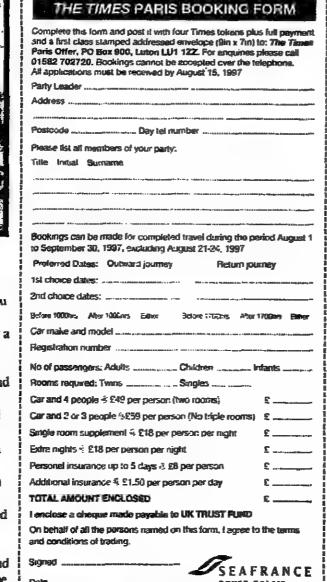
on the board of Blacks Leisure, took control of the company when Robert Newsold his 51 per cent stake after a disagreement with Alex Riahi, his then partner.

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Another departure from Ivory & Sime

BY PAUL DURMAN

IVORY & SIME has suffered another blow with the departure of Raymond Haines, who is leaving to join Lazard Asset Management after only a few months at the troubled Edin-

burgh fund manager. Mr Haines, a former chief investment officer at Lloyds Investment Managers and Hill Samuel Asset Management, was the most senior of the recruits who joined in February to bolster Ivory & Sime's senior management team. The firm had recently lost four fund managers who had been unhappy working for Colin Hook, the managing director who resigned shortly afterwards.

Mr Haines was hired to manage Ivory & Sime's pension fund money but the firm soon lost its biggest mandate, a £460 million UK equity portfolio from BAAL

Sir David Kinloch, Ivory's chairman, said Mr Haines's departure was "totally amicable". He added: "The job we recruited him to fulfit is not actually there."

Sir David said Caledonia Investments, Ivory's largest shareholder, was not trying to sell the fund manager, contrary to recent rumours.

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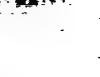
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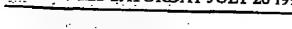
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A WORKING WEEK FOR: RORY McCARTHY

Leap into business paid off for hang-gliding daredevil

An adventurer with a finger in a number of fruitful pies talks to Sarah Cunningham

ory McCarthy decid-ed to begin a career in business as he hurtled to earth from 36,700 feet with nothing between him and certain death but an oxygen tank and a hang-glider strapped to his

"I realised at that point that I reaused at that point that I either stopped or I would die," he recalls. After spending the first 25 years of his life enjoying himself, it was time for a change: "Much to my parents relief, I decided that I would not be the parents relief. I decided that I McCarthy says.

His jump set a world hang-gliding altitude record. His

decision set him on the route later, via stockbroking and investments in everything from tiger prawn farming to restaurants, to the head of two quoted companies and a high-profile business and balloon-ing partnership with Richard Branson, the Virgin boss.

Although McCarthy's main

investment company still has fingers in many pies, up to half his working week is now spent on Virgin business, while much of his free time is spent preparing for Branson's next attempt to go round the world

Frustratingly for McCarthy, in spite of his other achievements, he is most remembered as the chap who had to pull out at the last minute from Branson's last attempt at-ballooning around the world because of pneumonia. It was who apparently saved the lives of Branson and the other pilot, Per Lindstrand, by climbing out of the balloon at 1,500 feet to jettison a propane tank.

For McCarthy, the disappointment of not going on the last try makes him all the more determined to go this time. The only obstacle between him and the place he has been promised, he says, is his own tendency to balloon around the waist.

Meeting someone who has spent much of his life leaping out of planes and balloons at jet cruising height, and who obviously loves talking about his exploits, it is difficult to get round to discussing business. His office on Kensington High Street — conveniently near his home and that of Branson - is plastered with pictures of him in balloons or in his own supersonic plane. But, a true salesman, he switches easily to talking with almost equal

tion, which is quoted on the prep school, it was always a



When about to invest, Rory McCarthy looks at the quality of the concept and management while keeping "one eye firmly fixed on the exit"

the Quasar interactive laser

tag game. Genting the backing for Q-Zar was difficult. "Look-

ing back over it, not only was it

tough and requiring 24 hours

a day," he says, "but sitting on

Alberta stock exchange in Canada, and Victory Corporation, which is listed on the ALM: Victory is a main shareholder in Virgin Vie, the cosmetics company set to launch in the autumn, and in Virgin Jeans, the clothing company. McCarthy Corporation has a range of investments. including a recently acquired stake in V2, the reborn Virgin

McCarthy's first step into business, those 12 years ago, was as a stockbroker and it was taken more or less by chance, "My best friend, who had just come out of the Gurkhas, had just got a job at W I Carr;" McCarthy recollects, "and I knew that, in ility, and he'll forgive me for saying this, we were on a level

playing field. In spite of his own initial doubts about his suitability, he soon found himself enjoying his work at the brokerage, a specialist in South-East Asia's emerging markets, and began making a lot of money. So much in fact that he was soon out-earning his elder brother, Tim, who was then trading swaps at Bank of America. Tim eventually joined Rory at WI Carr and the two have worked together ever since.

As Rory tells it: "My deventhusiasm about his work. The two companies he elopment was almost in proheads are McCarthy Corporaportionate inverse to Tim's. At

battle between me and another chap as to who was going to be last." Although his brother went on to a first at Cambridge, Rory says: "I had not gone to university; I was jumping out of planes and hang-gliding and I thought this was what life was all

His father, whose career in the aviation business had takworld, lent him some money early on so that he could try a little investing himself. He put

aeroplanes going over to the Far East and putting on a smiley, happy face for the institutions, it was incredibly stressful. I wouldn't say that to get where we are today it was a was really quite fraught. We've taken some big risks."

But, although McCarthy adit into the Hong Kong stock mits that the prawn farming

6 We will be the first people to go round the world by balloon, and we will always be the first ?

well at that stage, McCarthy says, that "it was like shooting

fish in a barrel". In 1992, he spotted an opporproached for financing by Siam Trading, the tiger prawn farming company. He raised backing from the Far Eastern institutional investors he knew through broking, and became chief executive of the company.

The next opportunity, and one that transformed the nature of the company, was the acquisition by Siam Trading of Q-Zar, the company behind

market, which was doing so was not the success he had hoped for. Quasar came up trumps and the eventual sale of Q-Zar to management gave Siam a total return of C\$60 million on its original C\$9.5 million investment.

McCarthy Corporation, as Siam Trading was renamed last year, now has interests in telecommunications, in restaurants (London's Cafe Spice and Smollensky's Balloon) and in aviation through Virgin Executive Aviation, another

Virgin joint venture. The range of investments McCarthy and Victory are rants and to balloons. But he says he and his brother, who is chief executive of McCarthy Corporation, will carry on looking for opportunities, whenever they arrive. "There are three things we look at when we make an investment: the quality of the concept, the quality of the management. and we invest with one eye firmly fixed on the exit."

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thodox but confusing. Even

McCarthy admits he gets

worn out by the constant

In spite of McCarthy's decision to go into business, he has never given up his adventurer's life altogether and in 1986 decided to go for the world civilian skydiving altitude record. The jump, from a balloon at 35,600 feet, was made with the same ex-Gurkha friend who had got him the broking job.

For both his world records, McCarthy jumped from balloons piloted by Lindstrand. Eventually Lindstrand Balloons became a subsidiary of the McCarthy Corporation, and it was the balloonist who introduced McCarthy to Branson.

The two got to know each other well when Branson came up with the idea of the round-the-world attempt and asked Lindstrand who should be the third pilot. When

jumps from discussing tele-Branson since. coms, to cosmetics, to restau-

Lindstrand suggested McCar-

thy, he leapt at the chance, and

opportunity offered by

After the disappointments suffered on the ballooning attempts made so far, it would be understandable if McCarthy decided he would be better spending his time with his wife and young children, and left the daredevil stuff to someone else. But it does not seem to have occurred to him. "The significance for me is

that my hang-gliding world record was broken last year, after 12 years. The skydiving record still stands, but it will be broken," he says. "This isn't a world record, it is a world first. It doesn't matter if somehave you. We will be the first people to go round the world by balloon, and we will always be the first. In terms of the world of aviation, other than going to new planets, what is

Streetfighter squares up for next round in merger brawl

Dominic Walsh on LVMH's bitter row with Guinness and GrandMet

broke out this week between LVMH. the French luxury goods group, and Britain's Guinness and GrandMet is the the culmination of ten years of an often uneasy alliance between LVMH and

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At first, all was sweetness and light. One Guinness eyed yesterday as he recalled being taken on a week-long Tour de France shortly after joining to learn Hennessy cognac one day. Moët champagne the next, and returning home laden with the latest Dior ties and Louis Vuitton luggage.

And Bernard Amault, the man who has built LVMH into a collection of some of the world's leading luxury brandnames, was the perfect host "Those were halcyon days," said the man from Guinness, "We were like one big happy family."

Guinness's poor performance in recent years was always calculated to put a strain on relations, but its announcement in May that lion food and drink behemoth in a merger with GrandMet was the final M Arnault, who by this

time had reduced his stake in Guinness from a peak of 25 per cent to 14 per cent, was informed of the merger proposal by Tony Greener, the Guinness chairman, just ten days before it was announced. "I was travelling in the US at the time," he recalled in his cool, unemo-tional style. "I explained clearly to Tony Greener that I was against the deal."

His objections seemed only was he Guinness's biggest shareholder, but for ten years the two companies had operated distribution and marketing joint ventures all over the world.

So was this simply a case of Gallic pique at being left out? "I am not at all driven by such considerations in am driven by what is in the interests of my company and the long-term interests of shareholders."

After the initial doing everything in his powskirmishes, it seemed some er to change their minds.

reached as Mr Greener and George Bull the GrandMet chairman, flew to Paris to see M Arnault. As a result of that meeting he formally proposed his now infamous three-way drinks merger. recommending Guinness Brewing and GrandMet's Pillsbury and Burger King businesses be quoted companies.

It is the demerger, and M Amault's claim to a 35 per cent share of the enlarged drinks company, that have stuck in Messrs Bull and Greener's gullets. They dismissed the scheme as a complicated and costly break-up of their companies that would give the Frenchman "back-door control" of the world's biggest drinks company without paying a

Last week, it emerged that M Amault, in the face of what he described as a "vitriolic and unhelpful" response from the GMG camp, came up with an even more audacious suggestion for getting him off their backs. He suggested they cognac for £3.5 billion, allow him to appoint his own managing director to Hennessy, and make a £1 billion "indemnification" payment to LVMH. Not surprisingly, this failed to impress, being branded smash-

But if GMG thought M Amault would go away they this week, he has resigned from the board of Guinness, taken his stake in Grand-Met past 10 per cent and pronounced the GMG merger dead in the water

Such guerilla tactics have in the past grated in the rather conventional, staid world of French business. And Messrs Greener and Bull made it clear yesterday that they intend to press ahead with their merger.

But the man described this week by one analyst as having "the icy cool of a poker player and the tactics of a streetfighter" will be

Swan-song

shipped down river to Canary ing none of them in their despair slip overboard and trust the weight of their manacles to put an end to their misery. This terrible trade has been going on all summer at The Times we can hear the groans from the rotten hulks as they pass our offices close to Tower Bridge. Now a change of address note from someone in investment banking reaches me.

"This is more than just a relocation," it says, employing a shocking euphemism for what history will surely one



THE corporate finance team day call the Swan Lane Clearat Barclays de Zoete Wedd are ances. "These changes will the latest from there to be enable us to mobilise our ideas and intellect more effectively on behalf of our clients. In so doing, we will accelerate our development as a leading. international investment bank." Putting a brave face on adversity, I see. At the bottom of the note is a scrawl, from a hand clearly almost too weak to hold a pencil. "Help us," it says. "We are all ... " But there is no more.

> A BLISY hee yesterday. Roger Pinnington. He is non-executive chairman of Huntingdon International, pilloried in Parliament for mistreating dogs before it chopped them into little pieces for scientific research. He is ditto at Cortworth, an engineer that agreed to a takeover bid. He may be a little less frantic in future. One chairmanship disappears; a second must be hanging from a thread following the dogs scandal.

On the Web

THERE are some truly sad individuals out there, and a number are on the Website of the pressure group that failed to convert the Nationwide into a bank. They trade under names such as Stealthbagger, Toots and Delboy, and their

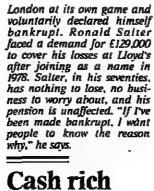


anything I had ever suspected about computer nerds. "The more people who iump on the bandwagon, the smaller the slice of cake for those who spotted this little game years ago," says Delboy cynically.

But two trends emerge. One, the game is not yet over, if these boys are anything to go by - and I think we can safely attribute the male gender to most of them. The second is a profound disenchantment with Michael Hardern, increasingly resembling the David Icke of the carpetbagging movement, and the other defeated candidates. "We want professional committed people to stand for these elections who don't wear nighties," says Demo. "Spot on," adds Delboy. "I'm afraid a man in a dress isn't going to

● A RETIRED dentist from the start of the rugby season in

convince anyone."



THE City Takeover Panel has managed to overcome its little difficulty of recent years, an embarrassing over-supply of cash. The latest accounts show that the panel, which is not supposed to make a profit but has done rather well out of the booming stock market, reached the end of the 1996-97 financial year with £7.76 million in the bank, an increase of little more than £200,000. helped by a cut in the contract

levy on market transactions. Other favourable financial trends were the cost of a new edition of the Takeover Code and higher legal and other fees, which went on fighting the EC's proposed Takeover Directive, believed by the panel and the City to threaten disaster. I hear there are ambitious long-term plans to cut the surplus entirely one day.

Irish eyes

ONE man looking forward to ill-written snipings confirm Suffolk has beaten Lloyd's of a couple of months is John

Conlan, the Irish former First Leisure boss who is taking over from Nigel Wray as chairman of the Trocadero. Wray is well known as owner of Saracens, the north London rugby club, and his ownership has seen a sharp resurgence in its fortunes. Less well known is Conlan's

involvement in a similar exercise at London Irish. Conlan says: "In a moment of weakness I and a small gang of people decided to form a consortium of business guys and make an offer for the club." They have put in £1 million and launched a prospectus to raise another \$1.5 million, and hope to hire new talent in time for the first London Irish/Saracens match. "We're going to give Nigel a very hard

MARTIN WALLER



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Share sale helps JCI to exercise Lonrho option

JCI, the mining group, has finally severed all connections with Johnson Matthey after a relationship going back more than a century.

Shares in the precious metals and electronic materials group ended the day 512p dearer at 570p after JCI's 812 per cent stake in the company changed hands. SBC War-burg paid 555p each (£104 million) for the 18.9 million shares and quickly sold them on to institutions at 560p. The deal netted Warburg a profit of £756,000.

JCI needs the money to help to exercise an option on a 25 per cent stake in Lonrho. Ip firmer at 123p, currently owned by Anglo American. It bought the stake in Johnson Matthey in 1993, paying almost 500p a share.

But as Gordon Thorburn, a director of JM. noted: There have been rumours for the past few weeks that the stake was being sold. The two companies go back more than 100 years. But there is no longer any commercial logic in JCI holding a stake".

Share prices generally ended the week on a subdued note, with the pound's strength continuing to give cause for concern and prompting another round of profittaking. After reversing an early 18-point gain, the FTSE 100 index managed to close above its low point of the day. It ended 11.4 down at 4.851.5 in thin trading that saw 780 million shares change hands.

The fall on the week was 25.7. The banks suffered profit-taking with Standard Chartered down 3312p at 97112p. Royal Bank of Scotland 101 ap to 63ip, and Bank of Scotland op to 4231₂p.

Commercial Union got off to a brisk start, rising 1712p to 700p. helped by Salomon Brothers, the US securities house, upgrading its recommendation for the shares from "hold" to "buy" ahead of figures due next

Andrew Pitt at Salomon said: "The shares were undervalued to an extent which is not justified by currency factors and mading difficulties in

Granada ended the week on a positive note, rising 2812p to 81212p. after Dresdner Kleinwort Benson came out positive on the shares. Paul Slattery at Dresdner says the acquisition of Yorkshire-Tyne Tees will be earnings enhanc-



Granada celebrated with a Coronation St knees-up after a bullish broker helped drive shares up 2812p

ing in the medium term. Frazer Ramzan at rival Lehman Brothers agrees. Slattery says start-up costs at British Digital Broadcasting will also add value longer term.

Pendragon dropped 35p to 31312p after asking shareholders to dig deep into their profits by way of a rights issue. The motor trader is raising £56 million by way of a

raise 52.7 million by way of a placing at 108p to help to develop and launch new products

Debonair Holdings, the European airline operating out of Luton airport, took off on its lirst day of dealings on Easday after a placing of shares by Credit Lyonnais laing at 450p. The price ended the session at 46712p, a premi-

JJB Sports touched 420p before rallying to close ip firmer at 45op, compared with the high for the past year of 53ip. The company has denied whispers it is on the verge of issuing a profits warning. Instead, it says trading in the 22 weeks to June 29 has exceeded expectations, with total turnover up 60 per cent.

four-for-seven at a discount 265p. The proceeds will be used to finance the acquisition of 17 dealerships from rival Lex, up 3p at 403p.

Avocet Mining is also raising £5.4 million via a private placing of 3.25 million shares at 165p. It wants the money to reduce debts and provide working capital. The price lost

um of 1712p as more than one million shares were traded. Utilitee was the worst performer among the top 350 companies with the price tum-

bling 2612p, or almost 36 per cent, to 4712p. The engineer says it is now on course to make losses "substantially" in excess of market expectations. Bid speculation drove Christian Salvesen 23p higher at Drew Scientific rose 9p to 31912p. after briefly touching 120p after announcing plans to 32512p. Hays, down 1112p at

MOVERS OF THE WEEK

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year and City speculators are hoping that it wants to make another attempt. The Salvesen share price is up 42p on the week.

Cortworth leapt 3612p to 1921 p on the back of the agreed bid from BI Group. The terms are worth 1960 a

Hozelock 78p lower at 280p. The garden equipment group said that the wet summer weather and strong pound would hit profits.

Cropper, dawn 2612p at 315p, has become another casualty of the strong pound. Revenues may be up at Electrocomponents, down 812p at 43012p, but the chairman was quick to express concern to shareholders at the AGM about the impact of a

strong currency. Waddington also fell 9p to 254p as shareholders were told currency factors could dent profits to the tune of El million. David Perry, chairman, said in June that the group had factored in the high value of sterling, but since then it had climbed strongly. Further reflection of this

week's boardroom reshuffle at Trocadero boosted the price 534p to 24p. Former First Leisure boss John Conlan replaces Nigel Wray as chair man, while Nick Tamblyn, also of First Leisure, becomes managing director.

Shares of Huntingdon Life Sciences were suspended at 54p so that the company could prepare a response to criticism in the House of Commons this week from George Howarth, junior Home Office Minister, GILT-EDGED: Bond prices in London outperformed other European markets to end the day sporting some useful gains. The less than expected rise in secondquarter GDP has allayed some fears, for the time being at least, that a rise in interest rates next month may be staved off.

In futures, the September series of the long gilt finished E14 higher at £1151932.

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□ NEW YORK: Shares drifted into negative ground after opening higher in quiet trading. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 22.07 points down at 8,094.86.

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Greenmail in the air

NO SUCH allegation was made but the word greenmail was floating in the air yesterday as Guinness and GrandMet rubbished the proposals of Bernard Arnault for a DrinksCo in which LVMH would control the world's largest drinks company with a 35 per cent stake. The most interesting part of yesterday's counter-attack by the GMG team was the account of M Arnault's second proposal. Apparently, the LVMH chairman wanted, among other things, to sell Hernessy to to UDV for £3.5 billion plus an indemnification

payment of £1 billion. The GMG team are to be commended for trying to clear the air (or flush out their opponent) with yesterday's step-by-step refutation of M Arnault's plans but it merely. confirms that more than 30 miles of sea. divides the corporate cultures of France and Britain. The Guinness chairman's insistence that he would buy Moet-Hennessy at the right price - just skirts the issue. The bottom line is that M Arnault wants to run a big drinks company. He knows that Moet Hennessy's

profits have been going nowhere for five years, so the price for the champagne and cognac group is negotiable. Whether LVMH ends up with 35 per cent or 20 per cent of GMG is hardly the question; in either case, LVMH would have every right to demand that M Arnault be chairman.

The problem for the Anglo-Saxons is that M Arnault can continue to cause trouble, buying shares, threatening arbitration proceedings and in the end he will need to be pacified. Whether the ultimate settlement is called indemnification or something less flattering is a matter of nomenclature. The GMG attempt to focus on the rax bill for seiling the US food businesses is a bit too clever as it is impossible for outsiders to refute. Nor do they explain why UDV could not be spun off the merged GMG, thereby avoiding the US tax problem. For shareholders, there is nothing in this row except trouble. If M Armault wants your GrandMet shares, sell them. You can buy back into the deal more cheaply through

some quick answers to ad-

The Stock Exchange has

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Huntingdon

The future of Huntingdon Life Sciences must be in doubt. The stigma of animal cruelty will be difficult to shift, even if the company can persuade the Home Office not to revoke its animal testing licence. Astra refuses to deal with Huntingdon again, while the likes of Glazo Wellcome, Zeneca and SmithKline Beecham are withholding new work. But even il Huntingdon can satisfy the Home Office's inspectors, why should a large pharmacentical company take the risk of adverse publicity and awkward questions at the

secretive industry. Huntingdon's response to the Home Office bombshell is inadequate: Christopher.

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dress the inevitable decline olains about unfair reporting and points to staff and management changes aiassented to Huntingdon's ready made - but none on trading, which helps the

Much more is needed to restore confidence. With an arutual interest bill approaching £4 million, much of it due to bondholders,

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company much more than investors. When will the Stock Exchange learn that its Huntingdon needs to find

IT'S A DOO'S LIFE

Lex/Pendragon

BILLIONS are spent developing new cars but after all the design and high-tech production, the products are hustled in a cramped high street showroom by low-tech salesmen. The motor industry has never understood retailing. For years, the manufacturers treated their dealership customers with contempt, restricting their activities under a divide and rule policy that gave buyers rotten service and dealers lousy profits. Yesterday Pendragon claimed that change was on the way as it unveiled a £66 million investment in mass-market motor retailing, buying 17 dealer-

million. Change is in the air, but it is unlikely to be enough to make

cluding central overheads; Lex was probably making only a 5 per cent return on its £55 million investment in the businesses sold yesterday. Lex is quitting the volume. end of the business; the company sensibly reckons that I per cent margins are not worth the bother. Lex will keep the higher-margin luxury car franchises and focus on contract hire, importing and servicing Meanwhile. Pendragon is doing the oppoluxury car business into the cut-throat world of Escorts

Probably neither company. Pendragon believes that its success in developing satellite dealership networks can be turned to delivering good returns from the Lex businesses. But to cover the cost of investment. Pendragon will need to at least triple the

and Astras. Who is right?

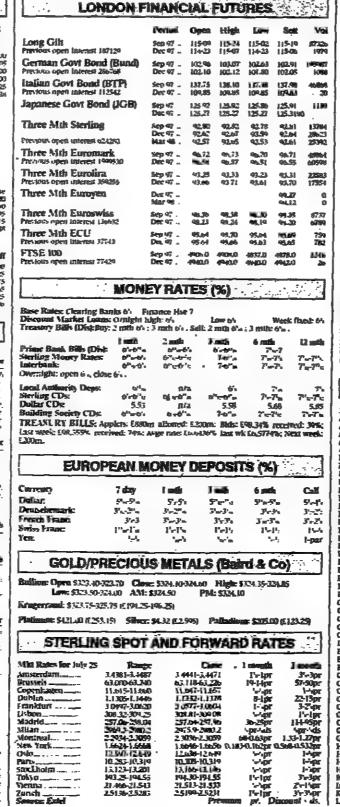
£3.4 million profit earned by Lex last year. That will take time and the motor retailing is unlikely to lie still. Volume car dealers, such as Ford and GM, are performing poorly and they will be looking at other means of improving their market share. It cannot be long before successful mass-market retailers, such as the superstores, begin to

investigate this market.
All of which begs the question why Lex bothers to contimue to sell cars. Lex earns good money from contract hire and importing. Return on investment from the service centres will be in the mid-teens. If Lex can make good money selling cars over the phone and fixing them in a rented garage why plough money into high-street show rooms? It is pure folly.

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Persistence pays off over a discount

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Everyone has a say on change over pensions

mortgage rates and increase

savings rates, forcing the Na-tionwide and the other mutu-

als in to a price war, which he

claims the mutuals would lose.

"They cannot make a loss," he

Although the savings on

investing in a mutual may

take a long time to match any

windfall from conversion, low-

er variable mortgage rates can

provide much bigger savings.

For instance, a 1 per cent

reduction over the entire term

of a 25-year £50,000 repay-

ment loan at today's interest

rates would reduce the costs

by £9,000 - far outweighing

According to Brian Davis.

any windfall gains.

pointed out.



the banks and building societ-

les are planning to out up their

savings rates at the beginning

of next month. The size of the

For instance, Barclays will

pay interest of 5.1 per cent on

its instant access account - a

sum of £5,000 would attract

just over £274.26 interest over one year. The equivalent amount with the Nationwide

would attract £320 interest a

year, a rate of 6.4 per cent.

However. Barclays does pay

more than Birmingham

Midshires, its postal account

pays 5.7 per cent interest per year — £285 a year interest on

a £5,000 saving, £35 less than

Bingley pays slightly less, at

5.6 per cent, than Alliance &

Leicester on its postal account. While Abbey National, which

floated eight years ago, pays

an interest rate of 6.85 per cent

on its postal account on bal-

ances of £5,000. Annual inter-

est payments are equivalent to

£357 — £37 more than the

On longer-notice accounts, such as 60-Day notice ac-counts, the rates are slightly in

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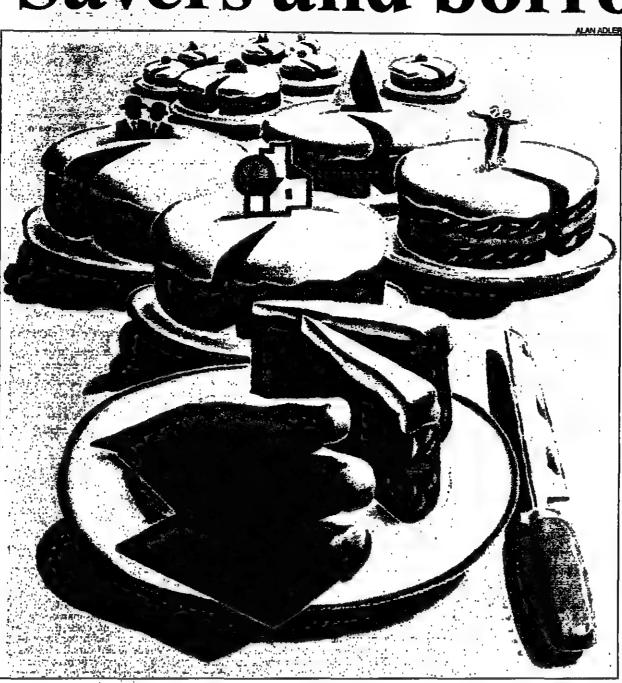
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TIMES: PERSONAL FINANCE NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

Caroline Merrell on the fallout in the wake of the carpetbaggers' defeat at the Nationwide

Savers and borrowers the winners



movement took a surprise turn this week ael Hardern and the other four speculators who had attempted to force the Nationwide to become a bank. Customers voted overwhelmingly against the dissidents, effectively saying no to \$2,000 apiece wind-falls.

The result of the poll is a reprieve for mutuality. Societies that had feared the fall of the Nationwide would hasten their demutualisation saw the vote as a sign that the public may like free shares but is fundamentally in favour of

mutuality.
The Yorkshire Building Society reported that queues in its branches had suddenly shortened, as carpetbaggers stayed away to contemplate their next move.

However, the wave of conversions that has changed the face of the mutual movement has not necessarily ceased. The Birmingham Midshires, advised by JP Morgan, the merchant bank, is now discussing options for its future that could include becoming part of the Royal Bank of Scotland.

The Nationwide, as revealed by The Times, was itself in talks with the newly converted Alliance & Leicester, which would have emerged as a white knight bidder if Mr Hardern had won the day.

The focus has now shifted from windfalls to deals for savers and borrowers as the rate war between the mutuals and the banks has finally begun in earnest. At present, it is not clear who will be the winner. Rates are still in a

The 150-year history of institutions are yet to an-the building society nounce their new savings offers. It is also not clear who will provide the best long-term value, if the struggle claims a

mutuals have the edge. In the month of June, £1.3 billion of new savings were attracted to the Nationwide, which has slightly better rates than many of the recently converted building societies. Although much of this money was from "carpetbaggers" hoping to benefit if the Nationwide was forced to convert, some of the money was also from savers who were disaffected by the low rates offered

by the converting societies. Simon Price, a banking

6 The rate war between the mutuals and banks has begun in earnest 9

analyst from Merrill Lynch. claims that the public is still apathetic about moving money to chase rates, and he believes that the converted societies and the banks have the muscle to put the squeeze on the building societies. "The slightly better savings rates offered by the mutuals only amount to around £30 a year on an average balance of

He claimed that the high cost base of the Nationwide would put it at a disadvantage in any ensuing price war. "The Nationwide has a 30 per cent cost base, which is much higher than the banks and the other converting societies."

Nationwide chief executive. since the society launched its package of mutual benefits a year ago, its variable rate has been between 0.35 per cent and 0.6 per cent cheaper than the rate offered by the Halisax. This would represent a total reduction of between £3,000 and £5,000.

Bradford & Bingley, another staunchly mutual society, offers a variable loan rate of 7.7 per cent, 0.5 per cent less than the Halifax.

they offer better savings rates than the banks and converted building societies is not entirely valid. Some of the converted building societies do offer best buys on some

pay 5 and 5.25 per cent on these accounts, while Wool-The claim by mutuals that wich, Barclays and Halifax pay 4.25, 4.15 and 4.85 per cent. respectively. However, none of these accounts appears in the

Moneyfacts recommended list of best buys. The monthly magazine recommends accounts from Nottingham Building Society, Irish Permanent and Scarbotol

wide vote a resound-ing rejection of wind-falls, was the culmination of one of the most bizarre episodes in building society history. In the recent wave of demutualisations, there has never been a vote against a

> But, as customers who have contacted The Times have pointed out, the Nationwide case was different. For these savers, Michael Hardern, a freelance butler. said to be fond of conversing with an imaginary cat, was patently Ill-qualified to become a director of an institution with £40 billion-worth of assets. His eccentric demeanour acted to deter customers who were not opposed in principle to a demutualisaion. One saver remarked: "He simply did not have the qualifications for the job."

The vigorous campaign against Mr Hardern, waged at branch level, swayed oth-

What the butler failed to see

wide board, although some customers found this ap-

proach intrusive. Martin Rands, a Nationwide saver from Bristol, is one of those who believes that the society emerged tri-umphant from the vote not because it had put forward strong arguments in favour of mutuality but because Mr Hardern and his fellow dissidents failed to inspire respect.

A City fund manager com-mented: "Mr Hardern's behaviour did not merit a position on the board of any company." Another custom er, who has his £5,000 life savings with the society, ech-oed the same view, saying: "I did not want Mr Hardern or

a say in the running of an organisation that looks after my money."

others, think that the Nationwide is not guaranteed to remain a mutual. Mr Rands suspects that the society could yield to a bid approach that met with the approval of the Nationwide board. He reminded other members that the Nationwide was not necessarily a champion of mutuality as it had previously discussed the possibility of conversion during its unsuccessful takeover discussions with National & Provincial. Mr Rands questions for how long the Nationwide can

continue to offer lower mort-

for saying no to conversion. Terry Price, a long-standing Nationwide borrower and saver, commented: "A windfall now is likely to be paid for in the future. Mutuals need to satisfy their mem-bers, unlike those societies that have became banks These savers, like many which must take into account the needs and aspirations of their shareholders."

gage rates and higher returns for savers. But for others, these were the best reasons

Piers Elias, from Gulsborough, Cleveland, said: "Since most people with savings also have a mortgage, when will it dawn on them that the new banks will be able to recoup the value of the free handouts by increasing mortgage rates? For example, an extra 0.2 per cent added to the mortgage rate will cost a borrower with a £30,000 mortgage £1,500 over 25

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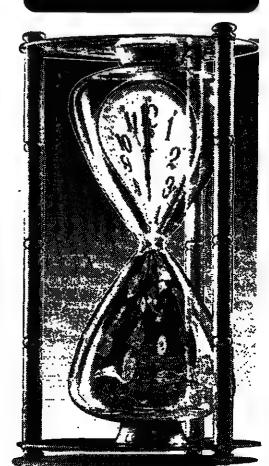
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influences on share prices - profit prospects and short-term interest rates attractive and cash more attractive to seem to be getting worse but the economy is boording and the force of momentum is still with the buyers. investors. Pressure is mounting on the Bank of England not to rush to raise base rates that extra quarter point to 7 **GRAHAM** SEARJEANT per cent. The betting remains that rates UK institutional investors are loath to information you need to know. will be near or above 7 per cent for the

UK institutional investors are toath to put more money into London shares, according to the Merrill Lynch monthly survey, which covers fund managers responsible for a vast £1,300 billion. But they have been chary for most of the past 18 months, while share prices kept surging. When they returned briefly to because having lost autitude the country. heavy buying last autumn, there was an element of admitting defeat. These same investors have been more

bearish about Wall Street for much longer, and equally mistakenly: A big phyrality took a dim three-month view of London share prices after the Budget, but they remained far more pessimistic about New York on a one-year view.

S tock markets look resigned to a torrid summer and autumn of indecision, especially in Britain.

That is the way with the final phase of a

long bull market. The main analytical

. Fund managers have proved too cautious in the recent past. An indextracking fund should have done better. Their reasoning still makes sense. Whichever London market index you choose, it is likely to show shares selling on average at more than 18 times carnings. That is an historically high valuation, implying sharp recovery or growth in profits. Yet profit expectations are falling sharply. Not long ago, those fund managers expected earnings per share to grow an average 10 per cent this year. Now they expect 7.7 per cent. As



Battle of the shares bulge

recently as June, fund managers expected 1998 earnings to grow by almost 8 per cent and dividends by more than 7 per cent. Now the average expects earnings to grow a modest 6.8 per cent and dividends by 6.5 per cent.

These forecasts may prove wrong.

The rising pound is certainly making life harder for top exporters, such as ICI and Glaxo Wellcome, and groups with big overseas interests, such as BAT industries or BTR. But ICI's tumbling profits are no longer typical. Top manufacturers, such as British Steel or LucasVarity, have a modest presence in the blue chip FTSE 100 share index since the upsurge of banks, privatised utili-ties; insurance and media groups. For groups with overseas holdings, rather than those competing on price with foreign firms, much of the currency effect will be a once-for-all fall in overseas profits translated into sterling.

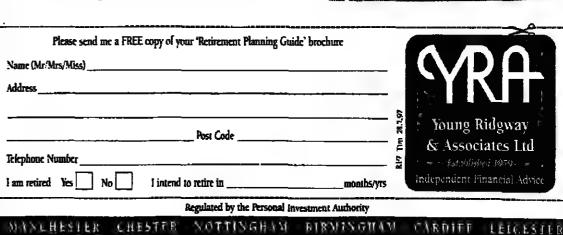
Aside from the individual sterling elfect, most economists still forecast much

lower economic growth next year as higher base rates bite. Thankfully, there remains a strong chance of managing this "downturn into normal growth" without the usual slide into recession. Rising interest rates make shares less

next 12 months, if not more. That makes cash look a good home for new savings. or shares to fall back decisively, that feeling would have to be more widely shared. Short-term interest

rates may be rising in Britain, but definitely not on the Continent. In America, the latest hints from the Federal Reserve suggest no further quick rise is needed there because productivity growth is still keeping up with spending. That gave the Dow-Jones average another boost above 8,000. One respected commentator now argues that US shares are more statistically overblown than at any time since 1929 or 1987. There is still no interest rate trigger for a break in prices.

In London, prices of the leading stocks are now being driven by foreign buying. most recently from the Continent rather than America. As global investors concentrate on the top stocks in each market, London blue chips are carried along with the international tide, even though that conflicts with local conditions. London could become the most exposed market of all if and when that tide turns.



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Anyone arranging finances for an R-registration car should study care missed payments and if you are size but with a higher APR. This is

fully the terms of the car loan deal (see also Car 97, page 5) and calculate exactly what the monthly payments will be over the loan period. The Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is one guide to the true cost of the loan but does not give the full picture. You should also check the following points. Ask whether you will be charged for

allowed to pay off your loan early. Request a figure showing how much you will be paying in total.

Some deals (for example, Sains-

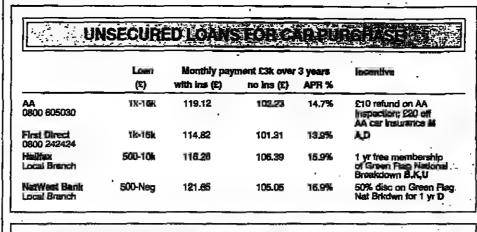
bury's) may offer lower APRs and payment breaks or holidays. However, the overall repayable amount on deals such as this may actually be greater than that for a loan of the same

higher APR loan does not include a payment break and is thus shorter.

Look at the cost of repayment protection insurance, as this may not be included in the APR and carefully read the small print. The cover may not be as extensive as you think.

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Shadow cast over Pep mortgages

gage industry have been treading on eggshells since the Budget. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, said the personal equity plan (Pep) would have a doubtful future after April 1999, when a signifi-

would be withdrawn. He added: "By this time, the introduction of individual savings accounts will ensure that

with tax advantages." The clouded future of Peps poses serious questions for mortgage deals that use them

individuals have the opportuni-

ty to continue to be able to save

as a repayment vehicle. Pep mortgages are similar to endowment mortgages, in that the borrower pays interest and then makes a contribution into a savings vehicle, in this case a Pep, to eventually pay off the

principal amount borrowed. The advantages over endowments include lower charges, flexibility - payments can be stopped and started - and the superior rax breaks. The main disadvantage is that any investment gains are not "locked in", Investment Funds (Autif) wrote sury, told a questioner in the

endowment policy. There is a risk that a Pep's value might be eroded, which could leave the borrower without the means to repay the loan fully. Borrowers also need life assurance. The Budget announcement

hits Pep mortgages because there is no guarantee that the individual savings accounts. announced by Mr Brown as the Government's favoured future savings scheme, will give tax relief at the same rate.

There are also no guarantees that all cash accumulated under Pep schemes will be allowed to "roll over" tax-free

into the new accounts. Amid fears that Pep providers may be walking into a future scandal by continuing to sell amid such uncertainty, the Association of Unit Trust and

. It said customers should be the savings account will certainly be as attractive [as told that "the Government's Tessas and Pepsi." Having reassured middle England, she policy towards savings and investment is unclear and that then added that the Govern-Peps are likely to cease to ment aims to make the benefits. exist before they buy. The Pep tax change con-tained in the Budger, scheduled to come into force in April 1999.

these Pep gains for continued

tax benefits, the amounts so far

accumulated in a Pep mortgage

plan is unlikely to be above the

threshold either. Since the Arith warning was

issued, Helen Liddell, the Eco-

nomic Secretary to the Trea-

even greater than before for lower income groups. Autif has no power to compel could cost a typical £50,000 Pep mortgage-holder an extra £7 a month. But this assumes they providers of Pep mortgages to tell would-be borrowers that there is a major change. will have no ability to transfer The Halifax one of the the Pep into an individual savings accounts. This is unlikely. If there is a facility to "roll over"

biggest players in this market. does not require sales staff to tell potential borrowers of the likely changes. Legal & Generat, one of the worst offenders in sorting out its share of the bad advice that created the pension mis-selling scandal says its staff must tell costomers of the possible disruption.

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Nationwide heads for Hamburger Hill

There was a slightly distasteful triumphalism in the pronouncements of directors after the Nationwide vote. Before setting off to celebrate at Planet Hollywood, the hamburger restaurant, perhaps cho-sen as the one place where they could be sure of not being served by Michael Hardern, the board pro-claimed that the victory was an endorsement of their strategy.

Customers saw the issue rather differently. Many were willing to forgo windfalls to restrain the unconventional Mr Hardern. They considcred that they were postponing a payout, rather than permanently rejecting demutualisation. They will now be hoping for some tangible recompense for their loyalty. The management of these expecta-

tions is now the most difficult task facing the Nationwide. As the euphoria subsides, directors should now be realising that a struggle lies ahead a pay higher rates to savers. But a few



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between the mutuals and the banks, including the recently converted societies. Here films starring those Planet Hollywood backers Arnie Schwarzenegger and Sylvester Stallone could serve as educational videos. There will be no special effects and shootings in the rate war between the mutuals and the banks. But passions will run high.

There is a presumption, at present, that the mutuals can both successfully undercut bank mortgage rates and City observers believe the Halifax would be prepared to outspend the competition, if its market shares were under threat. This could cause societies to seek refuge in takeovers.

Some will argue that such predictions smack of vested interests, as takeover deals mean fat fees for City firms. However, the Halifax's determination to retain its dominance must never be discounted.

Those who wish to see the bank v building society struggle contain

aware that the main weapon of both protagonists is customer apathy. Most borrowers, in particular, never question the rates they pay. But those who threaten to take their business elsewhere, can be rewarded (see page 32). This is one way in which customers can ensure that they are the winners of these hostilities.

Pressure point

Just when you thought life insurance companies could sink no lower. Helen Liddell, the Economic Secretary, reveals that some are putting omers under "unacceptable pressure" to agree compensation for bad pensions advice. The companies wish to settle cases quickly to avoid further censure from the Minister. Mrs Liddell should now oblige all those caught out in such behaviour to pay for an independent actuary to check whether sums offered are fair.

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Conal Gregory on the growing value of corkscrews

A syou open a bottle of some refreshing sum-inter vintage, it is un-likely that you will you view the corkscrew as anything more than a otensil. But collectors are beginning to think differently. They are buying interesting period corkscrews not for their functional use but for investment. They are also fascinated by the multiplicity of designs, mechanisms and materials. Corkscrews have been made all shapes and sizes, including scantily clad ladies.

This variety was demonstrated in the collection built up by Doctor Bernard Watney, much of which was sold in May at Christie's. It included an 18th-century plier-type corkscrew which made

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£3,220, against £300-£900 five years ago. In the same sale, an early to mid 18th-century silver pocket corkscrew with a dou-ble scroll swivel handle, engraved 1743 and carrying an inscription from the Queen in 1910 realised £18,400.

For those of more modest means, an old corkscrew need cost only £30-£40, according to Bristol dealer Robin Butler. This is for a "T-bar" type implement where the helix (the worm which penetrates the cork) should have no unintentional bends and have a good point. Aspiring collectors should watch out for fakes which are being more com-

mon, with many 18th-century metal examples being copied. One tell-tale sign is the thread which is too sharp on copies. Genuine 18th-century corkscrew ones were hand-cut.

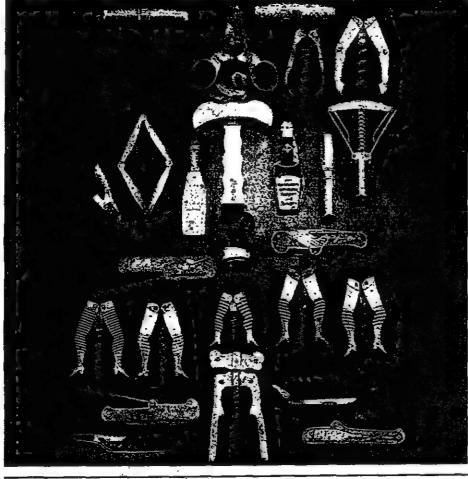
n August 6, Christie's, South Kensington is to auction a collection built up by two German enthusiasts. It includes an English Charles Hull 1864 patent Royal Club corkscrew which is expected to make £2,000-£2,500. In 1992 this would have sold for £650-£700. Two years later, the price had risen to £1.500. This is the first example of a single

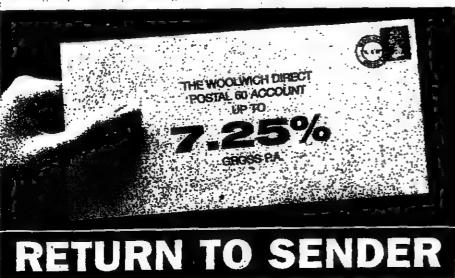
post frame corkscrew. One of the top names in English corkscrews is Thomason. A double-action example with turned bone handle and brush, complete with the royal coat of arms badge marked Ne Plus Ultra with wire fielix should make £300, up from £100-£150 five years ago, says auctioneer Dennis Cox.

An animal depicted or forming part of the handle can markedly raise the value of the implement. A Thomason-type, with a snake handle in gilded bronze, should make 2,000-£2,500, up from £1,200-£1,500

only five years ago. Novelty examples, such as

250 five years ago. A named and dated example — such as Robert Jones & Sons of Birmingham from 1840 - can reach £800-£1,000 at auction, up from £550-£600 in 1992.





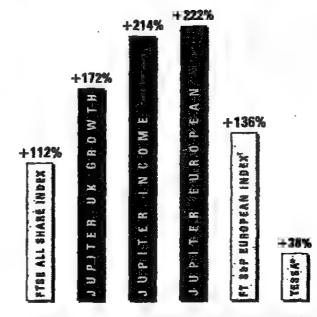
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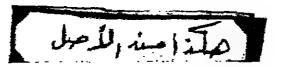


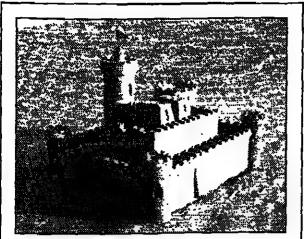
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Shop around for a new deal

Gavin Lumsden offers guidance on

rearranging mortgage loans to

homeowners not planning to move

Thousands of disenchanted mortgage borrowers are taking the opportunity presented by the flotations of their building societies to look elsewhere for better deals. As interest rates continue to rise homeowners have felt under increasing pressure to improve the terms of their loans even though they are not

ing customers the snazzy deals used to attract new borrowers. Remortgaging is difficult at the best of times, but if you are waiting for a windfall it is impossible. Borrowers with the Alliance & Leicester and the Halifax, for instance, who originally took out good fixedinterest mortgages, saw the term of the offer expire, but had to stick with relatively unattractive variable rates to qualify for their handouts.

For some, the wait may not have been worth it. The fixed deals they could have got might have saved them more than their free shares were worth.

In spite of this pent-up de-mand for a good deal, neither lender is doing much to retain' their loyalty now, offering only a limited range of options to borrowers who are not actually buying a new home.

Although not keen to publicise it, Alliance & Leicester will offer existing borrowers a twoyear mortgage fixed at 5.95 per cent. However, the chances of getting it are small as it is available only to borrowers of three or more years standing

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ing criteria. The Halifax is worse. Its two-year fix is set at 7.5 per cent and its five-year at 8.25 per cent. Its three-year 0.9 per cent discount off its new variable rate of 8.2 per cent hardly sets the world alight.

However, this is what Chris Clayton, a supply manager at a pharmaceuricals company in Kent, was offered when he moving house. Lenders, howwent back to the Halifax when ever, are reluctant to offer existhis three-year 1.5 per cent discount ran out this month. sought advice and was attracted to National Counties Building Society at Epsom. Surrey. The society offers a two-year fees-paid 1.5 per cent discount off its variable rate, currently at 7.79 per cent. This is just over 1 per cent less than Halifax's discount and, on Mr Clayton's £85,000 mortgage, represents a monthly saving of £131,48 com-pared with its standard variable rate of 8.3 per cent.

> Because Mr Clayton and his wife, Jane, had just received 700 windfall Halifax shares, now worth £5.327, he felt the new bank deserved a second chance. His action shows what you can succeed if you are persistent. Halifax finally upped its dis-count to 1.3 per cent. "This was more in the ballpark of what I wanted. Had they been upfront and offered it to me first time I would have taken it, it doesn't show a very

customer-focused attitude." This indifference to current



Jane and Chris Clayton, of Alton, Hampshire, found that persistence paid off in their dealing with the Halifax

a mother of two in Leeds, has given up trying to persuade Northern Rock, which floats on the stock exchange in October, to remortgage her house on decent terms.

With her husband she took out a 5.95 per cent three-year fixed loan in 1994. When this came to an end she told the building society she wanted to switch to its direct rate. Although a variable rate, it pro-

four main lenders and is currently set at 6.09 per cent. She is currently paying the lender's standard variable rate of 8.2 per cent. Northern Rock refused, even though she wanted to borrow £35,000, just half the value of her home and had maintained a good payment record. Finally, after numerous calls and letters, the society made her an offer: a three-year fixed mortgage at 7.5 per cent with a three-year tie in at variable rate plus an arrangement fee. "They can lorget it. As soon as I get my shares I'm transferring to Bradford & Bingley Direct which has a variable rate of 6.99 per cent with no tie-in."

A spokesman for Northern Rock claimed it was not possible to offer borrowers deals that were consistently below standard variable rates. To do so would be uneconomic and unfair to other borrowers, he Smaller lenders tend to offer

better deals. National Counties is good, but only lends to people in England and Wales seeking less than 70 per cent of the value of their home. The Portman Building Society is more accessible, offering a two-year fixed rate of 6.99 per cent. This has no redemption penalties and is available for those borrowing up to 90 per cent LTV (loan to value).

WHAT EXPERTS SAY

For longer protection, Ray Boulger, of John Charcol, suggests deals that set a ceiling over which the interest rate will not rise, although many will charge a six-month redemption penalty if you try to leave early. The best five-year capped deals are from the Coventry Building Society (7.6 per cent and Yorkshire and Skipton building societies (7.99 per cent). The Skipton also offers a "cap and collar" deal that will keep its rate between 6.75 and 8.49 per cent for ten

Patrick Bunton, of London & Country Mortgages, says: "A lot of people think remortgaging involves all the hassle of the first sale when all it is is a transfer to another lender. Ask your existing lender what they will offer and then compare with what is available on the market." However, there are charges and hidden expenses. Legal fees, arrangement fees, valuations fees, the cost of a basic survey and a land regis-try search plus mortgage in-demnity premiums and commission to a broker can push £100,000 mortgage. However, many lenders will waive some or all of these fees. If you have built up the equity in your home, mortgage indemnity will not be charged.

If the housing market continues to recover and the another 30 per cent. Mr could well withdraw their offers and rely solely on home buyers for their profits. This could benefit borrowers if it also meant the demise of ex-

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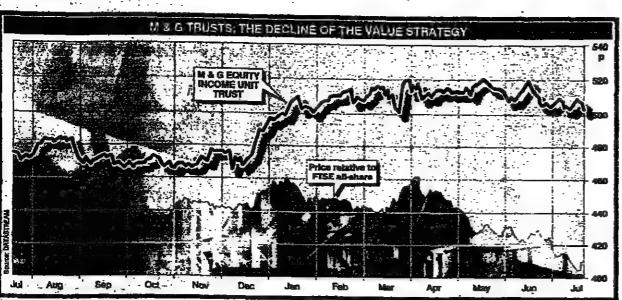
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Nathan Yates explains why M&G must change its outlook



A strategy of poor value for investors

approach have hit hard times, and few more so than the 700,000 customers of M&G, the archetypal value investment house. Britain's largest Pep manager has seen its funds plummet in the performance tables, and analysts think M&G customers will take a further beating in the climate created by Gordon Brown's first Budget.

The principle of value investing is to select shares on price, not growth potential. In seeking his bargains, the value fund manager is often drawn to high-yielding companies that offer large dividends for minimum outlay. It is an approach that conflicts with the Government's progrowth, long-term view of investment.

Returns on value funds have suffered both before and after the general election. M&G in particular has seen a spectacular slump in the performance of its UK equity funds. Its El billion Midland & General unit trust has fallen 13.15 per cent in the past year, and now ranks 1,396th out of all 1,533 unit trusts over the same period. Even across a three-year span, this trust ranks at 1,127th, and most M&G UK equity funds conform to the same pattern of accelerating. decline. The Equity income unit trust, for example, comes in at 1,045th over three years, and I, 164th over one year.

With performances like these, M&G has been unable to retain its popularity, in spite of a television advertising campaign in spring starring Lord Lawson of Blaby, the former Conservative Chancellor. The recent launch of its High Income investment trust attracted just £20 million from investors, compared with £200 million the company would have expected a few years ago. Few analysts doubt that the value

Cheap, high-yielding shares, the mainstay of the value fund manager, have tended to underperform in recent years, and this trend is enhanced by Mr Brown's abolition of the 20 per cent dividend tax credit payable to pension funds. With dividends now less attractive to a large group of stors, high yielding shares are unlikely break free from the dokirums. In addition, many of M&G's value stocks are in the manufacturing sector. Exports are of key importance to many manufacturers, and they are the chief victims of the growing strength of sterling. A strong



nound makes British goods more expensive for foreign consumers

With events stacked against the value investor, M&G is under pressure to change its approach. Another bad year, and several M&G funds will look poor over a five-year period, this in the context of a record bull market. It is little wonder that many independent financial advisers (IFAs) have ceased recommending M&G funds to their clients. As one senior IFA put it: "Value funds are taking a hammering, and investors should pile out of M&G unless there are changes.

Many believe that unless M&G gives up

bleak. "I hope M&G stick with the value approach, because that will send investors in our direction," said Michael Ashbridge of Save & Prosper, one of M&G's main competitors. "The only way they will get out of iail is to take a different line." John Shelley of Aberdeen Asset Management also claims M&G must after its ways. The value investor is in trouble, and cheap stocks are going to carry on getting cheaper. A good house like M&G should take the hint and make changes.

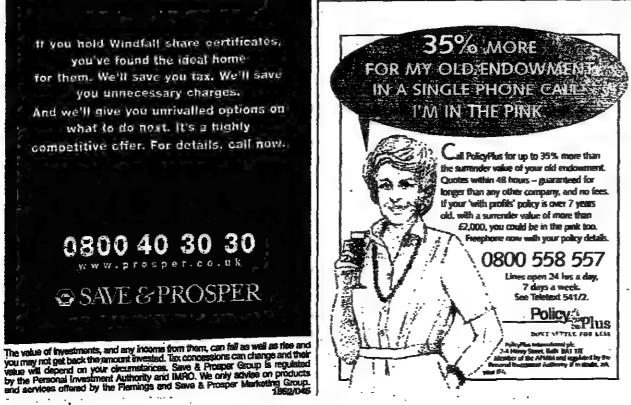
However, M&G claims its remaining customers will be rewarded for their patience. It is engaged in a complete overhaul of its strategy in the attempt to prevent a mass exodus. Inquiries by The Times have established that the company is recruiting a new investment development problems, and in September a radical remodelling of UK equity funds will be announced. Vivian Bazalgette, the man leading M&G's reforming drive, asks restors to keep faith.

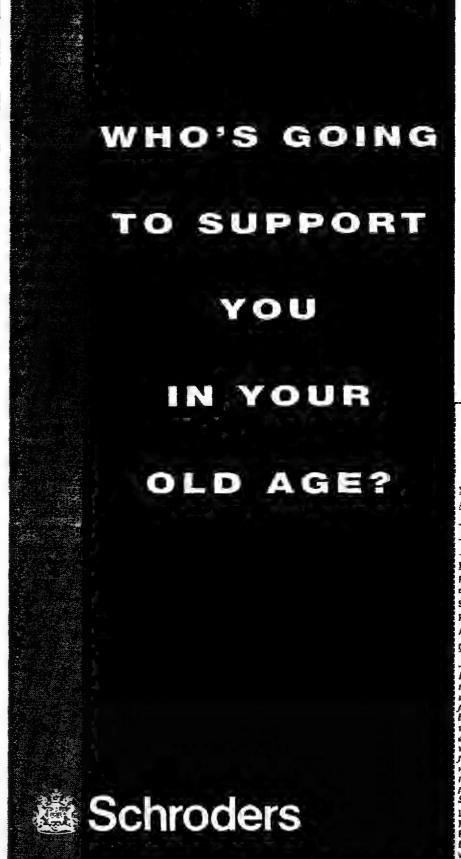
M&G customers may not be pleased to learn that the company is determined to stick with the value approach. There is absolutely no question of us backing down from our value stance," Mr Bazalgette says. "It has worked in the past, and it will work again. What matters is how we implement 'The text of Mr Bazalgette's package is likely to reveal a considerable shift away from the traditional definition of value estment, Mr. Bazalgette says M&G will no longer buy stocks purely on price, but will pay much closer attention to a company's quality. There will be less emphasis on high yielders in future.

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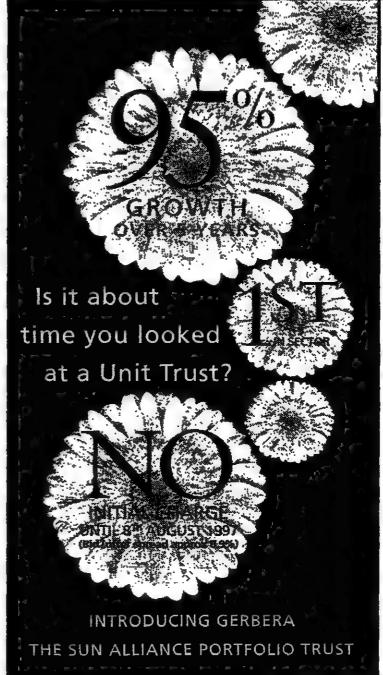
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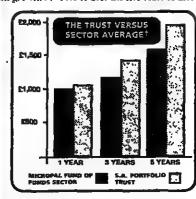
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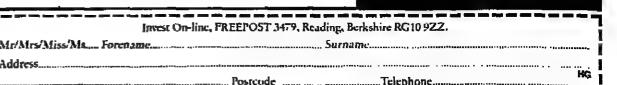
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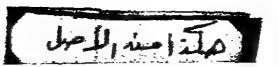
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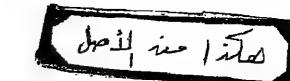
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source by the Inland Revenue, or the

Department of Social Security. Like the



Sara McConnell unravels the complexities of your pension and decodes the jargon

Enough to make your head spin

a number of sources, including the State, per-

The State: Throughout your working life, part of your compulsory National Insurance (NI) contribution goes towards building up entitle-ment to a state pension. There are two parts to the state pension the basic pension and the state earnings related pension (Serpa). How much you get from the State depends on your NI contributions dur-

The maximum basic pension is currently £62.45 a week for a single person. Married women can get a pension of up to £37.35 a week but only it their husbands have worked full time and built up NI contributions for most of their working life. The basic pension is not means: tested, but the maximum is paid only to men who have

contributions, is linked to earnings and comes on up of the basic pension. If you retire before 2010 you will get a maximum of 25 per cent of the earnings over the best 20 years of your working life. If you retire after this you will get a maximum of 20 per cent of

But your NI contributions are not invested as they would be in a personal or company pension. They go straight out to pay today's pensions. This system will become unsustainable as lewer workers support more pensioners, which is one of the reasons the Government is reviewing the system.

cut the E31 billion annual pension bill and persuade, or compel, people to start person-

get? How much does your employer pay into your pension? Is your scheme defined benefits or defined contribution? Are you making additional voluntary contributions? What is Serps and are you contracted in or out? If this sort of question makes your head spin you are not alone. Layers of legislation and years of being a political football have made pensions absurdly complex and many people have only the vaguest idea how their pension works. With the pension system now facing its biggest overhaul in 50 years, here's how to get back to basics and get to grips with your pension.

■ Personal pensions: If you have been contributing to a personal pension (because you are self-employed or not in an employer's scheme) you will receive an income from this on top of the basic state pension. Some or all of the money invested in your personal pen-sion may come from the State rather than directly from you if ou have opted to contract out of Serps. This means that the part of your NI contribution (4.8 per cent of salary between set limits) that would have gone immediately to fund someone else's pension is instead paid into your personal pension and invested. On top of the invested NI contribution you can make regular contributions of your own. The idea is that you have

your own pensions "pot". What you get out depends on your contributions and the performance of your investment. But many existing pension plans levy high charges and have performed poorly. Debate is focusing on how best

a change announced in the Budget that cuts the tax relief available to funds. Abolishing the ACT tax credit, as it is known in pension jargon. will cut investment returns on pen-

will have to pay, on average, an extra £190 a year in to their pensions to make up the difference.

of a company scheme, unless you are funding it from a different source.

■ Company schemes: These are not a central target of the overall pensions review, although there is talk of employers being made to contribute to a personal pension on your

count for everybody in work who is not already a member of a company scheme, around half of the working population. Minimum contributions into this scheme would start at 10 per

print" for action.

majority of your pension may come from company schemes to which you and/or your employer contribute. But not all company schemes are struc-

he subject of pensions reform has been the object of a well-meaning

the National Association of Pension

Funds, both had their say in the run-up to the announcement by the Govern-ment that it was launching its own

comprehensive but fairly nebulous, review of the situation. The Office of Fair Trading followed this up with a

hard hitting report on unsuitability of

personal pensions for most savers. Not

to be outdone, this week the Consum-

ers' Association unveiled its own "blue-

committed to free choice, the Consum-

ers' Association wants to compel people

to contribute to their own pension

schemes. It argues that people do this already through the state earnings related pensions scheme (Serps), the additional state scheme, which takes

around 5 per cent of people's wages. It is

proposing a personal retirement ac-

game of pass the parcel this month. Industry organisations, such as the Association of British Insurers and

are known in pensions jargon as defined benefit schemes. They guarantee to pay a proportion of your final salary for each year you work for a

have been invested. A variation on this theme

is the group personal pen-sion. This is really little more than a personal pension under an employer's umbrella. Unlike a money-purchase scheme you pay the set-up charges as well as taking the investment

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Cumpany schemes have also standing AVC if you prefer You can have an AVC only if you are in a company pension

wrapper which individuals would own.

The association says it would be designed to give good value, be simple

to understand, and most crucially of all,

be portable when people change jobs.

For these reasons it is urging the Government not to let existing personal

pension providers touch it with a barge pole. Sheila McKechnie, the CA's

director, says these companies have lost

the trust of the people and have failed to

clean up their act in the aftermath of the mis-selling scandal. Millions of people

are still awaiting compensation because

they were wrongly advised to leave, or

not to join, a company scheme between

Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary.

who has named and shamed 24 of the

largest pension companies for their woeful lack of progress. Another aspect which could find Government favour is the collective

investment funds into which the PRA

would invest. These would be industry-

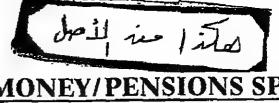
wide schemes and, the CA argues, run

by mutual organisations such as build-

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The seven million people with personal pensions have been further disadvantaged by

According to accountants, personal pension policyholders

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particular company. They are generally the best deal for highly paid, long-servers and

less so if you move a lot. But growing numbers of are too expensive. Instead they operate schemes where your pension is based on your contribution and that of your employer. This is a defined contribution or money-purchase scheme. This works more

been hit by the change to the dividend tax credit. Some employees may make up the your final benefits depend on how well the contributions difference, while others may restructure their schemes to be based on contributions.

tributions (AVCs): Part of your pension income may come from AVCs you have made to top up your company scheme. Most AVC schemes are based on contributions. even if your main pension is based on salary. Employers must offer schemes but you can take out your own free

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behalf if you do not want to join If you are an employee the State or employer looks after market, a balanced fund with some exposure to equities and some exposure to bonds, and a conservative fund where the where employees take more control of their own future, bulk of the investment is in there will be more focus on the 401(k), America's answer to defined contribution plans. It bonds and money markets. Employees can choose what proportion of their pension will be one of the models studied by ministers seeking fund they want invested in the to reform the UK system. different funds on offer, and The flexibility means that the US tax code have become very popular since their inception 15 years ago. About 80 per cent of eligible US employees participate in a 401(k) plan and their popularity is credited with contributing to the current stock market boom. Their basic operation will be familiar to anyone with a company pension. Employees

America leads the way with 401(k)

decide how much of their pay they want to put into in a pension, up to a set ceiling. The amount is deducted directly from pay before tax, so the contribution also reduces the employee's taxable income. The employer then makes a matching half of the employee's contribution up to 6 per

cent of salary - and receives tax breaks for the expense. The key difference between the 401(k) and existing UK ision schemes is control. In the UK, the employer lumps all the employee pension money together and invests it as a whole. With a 401(k)

ovees to tailor their retire ment strategy to suit their own

younger employees can invest their pension money for maximum growth, while an employee approaching retirement can shift their savings into funds weighted towards honds to make sure the total on retirement day is not hurt by a stock market reversal. The onus is on the employer to educate em-ployees about the options, and to make sure the in-

vestment plans are sound and savings is that they are portable. If you change jobs, you can leave your savings invested with your former employer and pay an administration fee, or you can switch to a 401(k) offered by your new employer. If you leave empshift the money into a 401(k)

run by an investment house. Taxation does not start until you reach retirement, when withdrawals are taxed as income. But there are penalties for taking money out of the fund before retirement.



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Don't let advisers make a monkey of you



to Cities, an airport magazine, is not a typical pensions saver (Caroline Merrell writes). A former financial journalist, he likes to think he knows a little about investing. He has bought a personal pension from Flent ings, which claims to be low cost. He said: "The fact that you can invest the money in emerging markets attracted me. Cost was not an issue the costs are higher than one imagines, when underlying costs of the investment trusts are taken into account."

He did not buy through a financial adviser, because he objects to paying commis-sion. He said: "Charges eatinto the performance of the funds." The Flemings product also allowed him to make his own investment decisions. Though he takes an active interest in managing his pension, he does not advo-

cate this for everyone.

He is also critical of fund managers. "About 95 per cent of them underperform the market. You might as well get a tracking fund. A mon-key throwing a dart at a list of shares could do better than

Time for fund managers to prove their value

the performance of pension fund managers will become increasingly important over the next few years as more companies switch from offering pensions based on final salary to ones where the size of the pension is based on the contributions made and the performance of the particular fund manager. These latter plans are known as money-purchase schemes, or defined contribution

schemes, in pensions jargon. According to Arthur Andersen, the accountancy firm, Gordon Brown's first Budget last month increased the pressure on pension schemes to switch from final salary to money purchase. The Chancellor cut the tax relief available to pensions, which means that many employers will have to increase their contributions to ensure that their liabilities are met. Those companies that cannot afford to fill the gap left by the abolition of the ACT tax credit, as it is known, will have to restructure their pension schemes.

Arthur Andersen's survey of 50 of the UK's biggest companies found that more than half were considering switching to money-purchase pensions. As the UK's biggest companies

The Budget cut will mean performance

is all important, says Caroline Merrell

consider rearranging their schemes, the spotlight has now moved to the effectiveness of the pension fund man-

agement industry itself.
The Office of Fair Trading this month attacked pension fund managers for not producing returns that were better than the index. It wants the use of index-tracking funds to be extended so that pensions become cheaper and easier for the public to understand.

An index-tracking fund, as opposed to one that is actively managed, will simply buy the shares that comprise a particular index — be it the all-share or the FTSE 100, or the S&P Comp, an American index.

Tracking funds do away with the expensive services of fund managers who can earn hundreds of thousands of pounds. In spite of the high earnings of pension fund managers, some do not produce returns that are greater than an average investment in the index.

sions statements may be wondering why their funds are only showing returns of a few per cent, when the allshare index has risen 13 per cent over the past six months, and the FTSE 100 has risen by nearly 18 per cent.

The recent dramatic rise in the UK index has helped the arguments of companies such as Virgin Direct, which offers cheap index-tracking pensions — an investment in a Virgin pension at launch in November would have risen 18 per cent.

B ut the companies that are in favour of active fund management believe index tracking funds do have a place in pension fund investment, but they also believe the best returns come through active hands

this claim out, as comparative data on switch in to cash, or other better

find. WM Company and CAPS, two statistics companies, analyse the per-formance of different pension fund managers. The results are available only to companies that subscribe to the

According to the WM Company, the average pension fund rose II.4 per cent over the year to March 31. The best pension fund rose 14.7 per cent, while the worst rose 7.9 per cent. Even the best funds failed to match the index. WM Company says that about 53 per UK equities, 21 per cent are invested in overseas equities, with the rest invested in a mix of UK and overseas bonds and gilts. On average, only 3.7 per cent of the total was invested in the US, the best-performing market of last year. Hardly a statistic in favour of the active

fund managers.
Philip May, head of the pensions team at Prudential, said. The thing about active fund management is that

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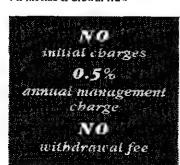
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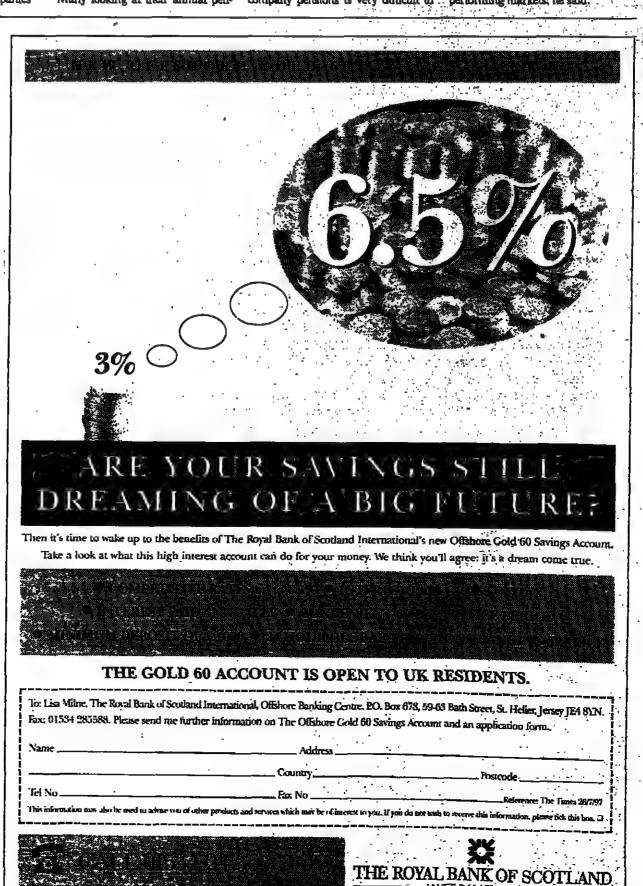


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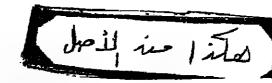
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Helen Pridham reports on the benefits of low-cost pensions





Both Harriet Harman and Virgin Direct's Richard Branson have expressed shock at the scale of pension charges

The personal touch

harges on personal pension plans can eat up as much as £1 of every £4 invested, significantly reducing the return. But pension providers are slowly realising that they can no longer deduct such large amounts from contributions. The change of heart has been partly caused by fear of Government ire. Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, is a fierce opponent of the charging policies of the pension providers. It is unlikely that any high-cost company will be allowed to sell the new stakeholder pensions, for those with low incomes.

Some low cost schemes, such as the Virgin plan, are already on the market, sold mainly by phone. Richard Branson was spurred to enter the pension market by his shock at the level of charges.

Steve Roberts, of Eagle Star Direct. another low cost provider said: There is no doubt that people who ring us for a pension are looking for very good value for money." The company has found that it is not only how much is charged, but the confusing way in which fees and costs are expressed that can cause people to delay

taking a pension.

With traditional personal pensions, a large part of the charges are used to cover the cost of marketing and paying commis-sion to the salesmen or financial advisers who sell the plans. These expenses are usually taken out in the early years of the plan which particularly penalises those

who cannot keep up their contributions. By selling direct to the public over the phone, providers have managed to reduce costs and charges. Some low-cost provid-

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ers are existing pension companies that have set up special telephone sales oper-ations alongside their other activities. One of the first to do so was Scottish Widows in 1993, while a more recent entrant to this market is Legal & General Direct. Equitable Life is an established company that has always pursued a different approach to fellow insurers by not paying commission. Newcomers to financial services such as Marks & Spencer and Virgin Direct, headed by Richard Branson, saw the telephone as a means of attracting buyers who were unhappy with conventional pension providers and their sales methods. The expenses deducted from the low-cost pension plans are sometimes less than half those taken from conventional plans. Over a 30-year term, for example, charges deducted from a £100-a-month personal pen-sion taken out in the traditional way can total about half the premiums paid. Under a low-cost plan, total expenses on the same premiums can be reduced to under £10,000 although the timing of deductions is also important. Just because one company has lower total charges, the fund value may not always be higher if more charges have been taken out in the early years.

For many investors, buying over the phone is more attractive than sitting down face to face with a salesman. An instant decision does not have to be made on the phone, although Eagle Star will accept a premium paid by debit card if someone wants to get their pension up and running immediately. Normally, investors will discuss their circumstances with the provider, find out about the pension on

plan with an application form. The minimum level of regular savings required is usually between £25 and £50 a month. A single-premium pension can be set up with a lump sum and this is £1,000. Most providers allow regular savers to increase or decrease contributions and to stop and start them if necessary. But Virgin Direct claims to have one of the most flexible contracts of all, allowing one off contributions of just E50 to be made at any time. Virgin's Martin Campbell said: "Unlike other providers who charge a monthly policy fee even when no premiums are being paid, we only charge a standard fixed fee of £2 when a contribution is actually made."

ome companies give more investment choices than others. Virgin Direct offers a growth fund, which tracks the FTSE all-share index, with an switched to a lower-risk fixed-interest fund in the ten years prior to retirement. Marks & Spencer's plan is linked to an interna-tional managed fund that invests in a mixture of UK and international shares, but when investors are within five years of their expected retirement age their money is also switched to a fixed-interest fund.

Investors considering an actively managed fund, such as a with-profits fund, for their pension should check the provider's past performance. Surveys of past results are published regularly in magazines such as Money Management.

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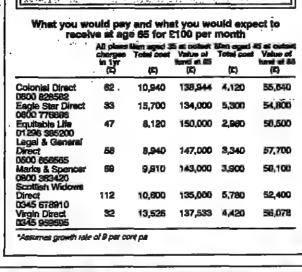
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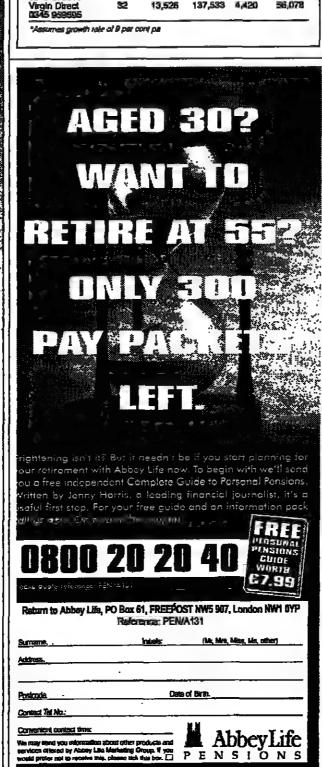
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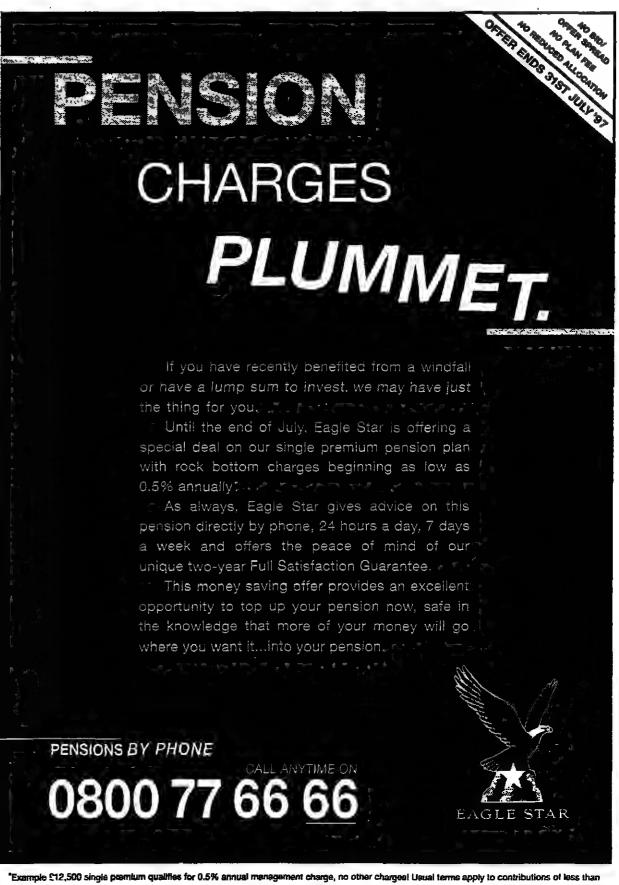
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National Savings looks at rates

extra £2 million will be distributed in Premium Bond prizes from November. with a greater number of prizes in the £100 to £50,000 range to be won. There will also be rate increases on several National Savings products.

A new issue of Index-Linked Savings Certificates is now available. The 11th issue has a rate of 2.75 per cent per annum tax-free over five 8:5.5 per cent pa for E10,000 to years. Investment limits remain unchanged: minimum E25,000 to E99,999 and 6 per cent for £100,000 to £2 million. new purchases. There is no

upper limit for reinvestments. The interest rate on each of the two Income Bonds investment tiers will go up by 0.5 per cent gross from September 5, 1997. Income Bonds, which pay interest monthly, will have a new rate of 6.5 per cent per annum on investments under E25.000 and 6.75 per cent for £25,000+, Maximum investment is £250,000.

From August 8, Interest rates on Investment Account balances of more than £2.500 will go up by between 0.2 and 0.35 per cent gross, and there will be two new tiers at £2,500 and £10,000. The new structure and annual rates are:

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ational Savings has under £500: 4.75 per cent (no announced that an change); £500-£2,499: 5.25 per cent (no change): £2,500-£9,999: 5.45 per cent: £10,000-£24.999: 5.6 per cent; over £25,000: 5.75 per cent. Minimum investment is £20 and maximum. £100,000.

The Treasurer's Account a 30-day notice account for nonprofit making organisations, is offering an increase of 0.25 per cent gross on each of the three investment tiers. Rates will be as follows from August £24,999, 5.75 per cent for £25,000 to £99,999 and 6 per

From Monday, the onemonth notice period for early withdrawals on Children's Bonus Bonds will be abolished. The interest rate of 6.75 per cent per annum tax free remains unchanged; the investment limits will also remain at £25 minimum, £1,000 maximum.

The rate on Deposit Bonds (no longer on sale) will increase to 6.5 per cent per annum gross from 6 per cent with effect from September 5. Interest rates on all other

National Savings' products remain unaltered. LIZANNE ROSE

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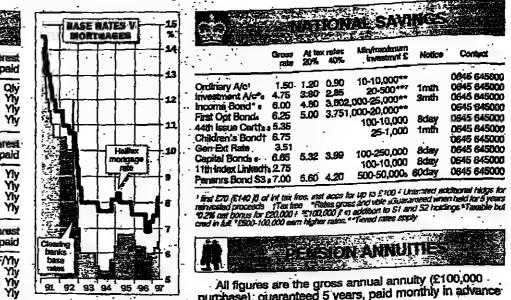
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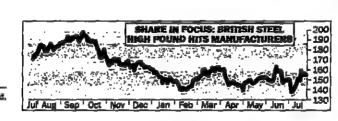
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4800	JOINT LIFE, 2/3 WIDOWS Male:	Age 60	Age 65	Age 70
	(level annuity) Female:	Age 55	Age 60	Age 65
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WEEKEND MONEY LETTERS

Windfall tax hits savers and pensioners, not just fat cats

Sir. The recent fluctuation in the share price of United Utilities, a multi-purpose utilibill of about £400 million, reminds us that the windfall tax will effectively have acted as a levy on savings.

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The windfall tax was introduced in the Budget earlier this month, aimed at raising 15.2 billion from the privatised regulated utilities (Prus) in order to finance a Welfare to

Work" programme.

The Treasury has maintained the line that the windfall tax will act as a levy on savings. This is because shares in the Prus will be worth less than they would have been if the windfall tax had never been invented.

On the assumption that the ownership of the UK-quoted Prus broadly reflects the ownership of the stock market as a whole it is a relatively simple exercise to allocate the windfall tax hit across the three main categories of shareholders affected.

These are pension funds (with about 19 million active members), endowment funds (with approximately 17 million policy holders) and finally ance of £1,120 which equates to

some eight million private investors directly holding shares in Prus.

So how much does each ty which faces a windfall tax individual lose on average? First, pensions funds, where we estimate that there is a oneoff hit of about £70 per member. Second, endowment policy holders: we estimate a hit of about £60 per individual. Finally, there are the private individuals directly holding shares in Prus; we estimate that they will have

lost about £125 each. Adopting an overview of the above figures, it is clear that the windfall tax acts as a levy on the savings of a significant

Netting millions — at 30p a time

From Mr P.E. Wood Sir, May I be allowed to add my two penn'orth, please forgive the pun, to the correspondence already published (July 5 and 19) on the subject of

the taxman and pennies.
On my Tax Calculation
Statement for 1996-97 I have found that, hidden away in the single amounts shown against taxable income, calculated at

proportion of the UK population. Many people will feel that such a levy is justified if it re-allocates resources from the relatively advantaged (ie savers) to the relatively disadvantaged (ie the unemployed).

However, it might be less insulting to our intelligence if the Treasury was actually open and admitted this, rather than persisting with the myth that the windfall tax will mainly fall on the fat cats. Yours faithfully. MAURICE FITZPATRICK.

Senior Tax Consultant, Chantrey Vellacott. Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, WCI.

£268.80 tax at 24 per cent. My total tax liability is then reduced by the MCA of £1,790 at 15 per cent. This allowance is worth £268.50. Only 30 pence difference maybe but if every eligible married man in the country is treated in this way the sleight of hand becomes a nice little earner for you know

Yours faithfully, P. WOOD. 6 Normanton Street. Brighton.

Third time lucky...?



From Mr RJ. Braunton Sir. It is my custom to record winning numbers of my Premium Bonds and I was surprised to find my latest number had previously won in May 1992. Ever optimistic, I am hoping that

the third time this Premium Bond is drawn out of the hat, it will produce a prize at one of the higher levels. Yours faithfully

RICHARD BRAUNTON. 19 Robson Road,

West Norwood, SE27

Counter culture

From Mr S.L.Smaller Sir. Bill Mon, manager of the Credit Suisse Income unit trust is reported by Gavin Lumsden (Regular income and capital growth make an odd couple. July 19) to have said that the Government's intention is to promote a longterm investment culture by companies reinvesting in their business and not issuing dividends to their investors.

If investors are not to receive their returns in the form of dividends they can only do so by selling their investments which would run counter to the stated objective. Yours faithfully, S. SMALLER. Coromandel. The Close. Ifold, Billingshurst, West Sussex.

Pound poser

From Mr A. Harada Sir. The pound's strength over the past 12 months has had a dramatic effect on the exchange rates. (A bigger splash for the pound on holiday, July 19) The pound rules. Why is it that German, French, Italian and Japanese cars still cost a lot more to buy in the UK than two years ago? Surely they should be much cheaper now. Yours faithfully. A. HARADA. 57 Lache Park Avenue,

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THE WEEK IN MONEY

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☐ Economists warned the Treasury Select Committee on Monday that Britain faces a serious risk of recession next year. Gavyn Davies, chief economist for that the chances of making a major monetary policy error were greater now than in 1987. The comments came as the stock market suffered another sharp fall.

☐ The Nationwide Building Society will not follow the Halifax, Alliance & Lei-cester and Woolwich on to the stock market. Savers voted on Wednesday by a margin of nearly three to one to forgo a £2,000 windfall in order to retain the society's mutual status. Na-

offering cheaper loans and higher savers' rates than other banks and former building societies.

☐ The Pensions Ombudsman, Dr Julian Farrand, has claimed that the hostile attitude of High Court judges towards the om-budsman system had worked against the interests of sion scheme members disputing the ownership of fund surpluses with employers.

tionwide claims it will underline the merits of remaining a murual by

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☐ The Consumer's Association has announced its suggestions for pensions reform. Included is a proposal for a personal retirement account for everybody in work who is not already a member of a company pen-sions scheme, around half of the working population, designed to give everyone 40 per cent of their final

☐ Mercury Asset Management, the fund manager, has aborted the launch of its first investment trust in three years after raising only £13 million from investors. Although innovative, the proposed Mercury Retirement Trust had a complicated dual share structure which did not appeal to general investors.

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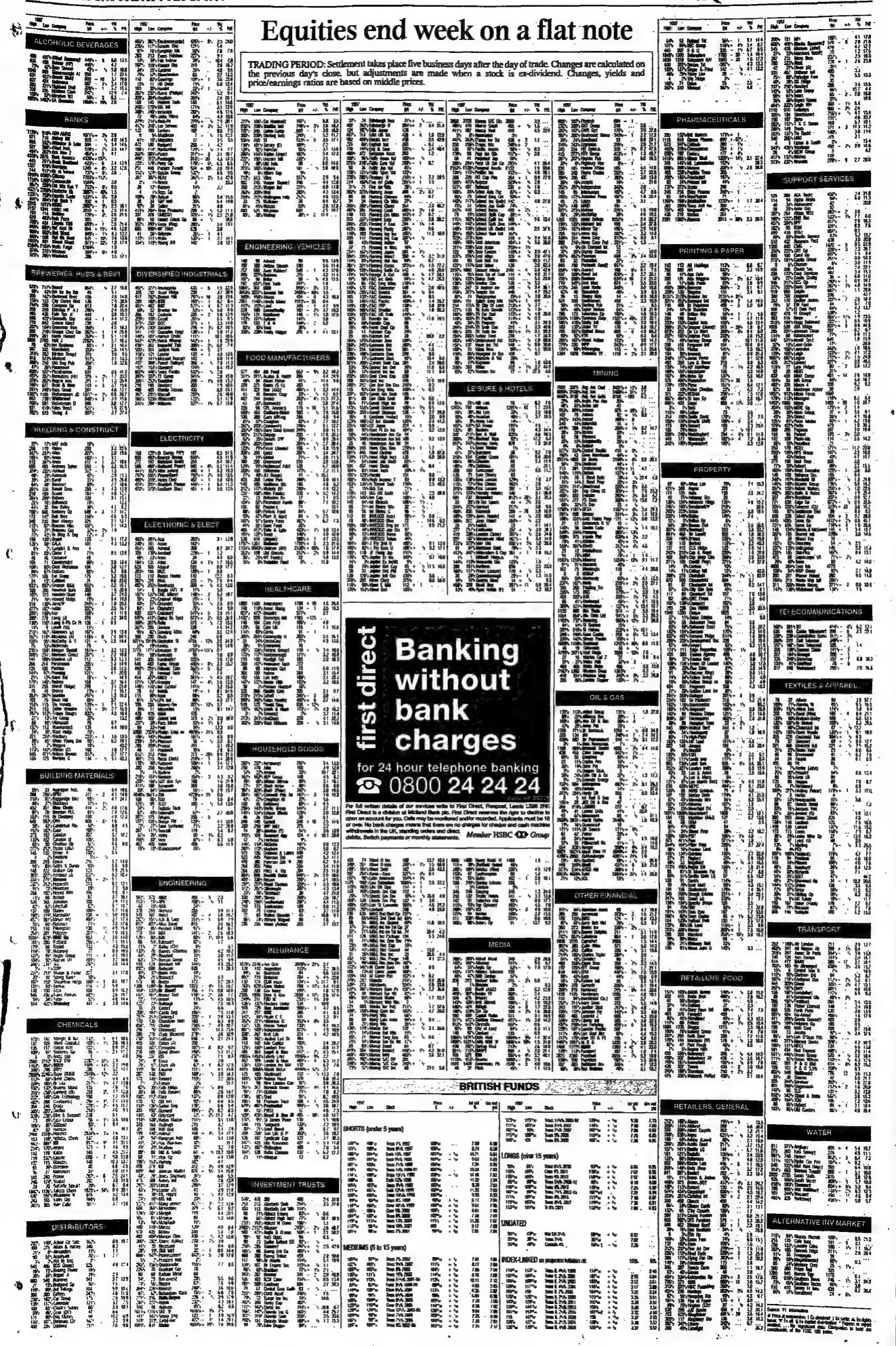
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OWNER: Enrique Sarasola, who made his fortune in cement-mixing, has a string of 250 racehorses in his native

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Felipe González. Bought Helisslo for just 350,000 francs (about £34,000) at Deauville sa

Japanese bid of \$25 million after last year's Prix de l'Arc de Thomphe. TRAINER: Elie Lellouche has saddled three group one winners from six

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Richard Evans and Chris McGrath assess the leading players in a race to savour at Ascot

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Helissio can prove king in battle of wits

THE epithets have flowed thick and fast in recent days. What began, immodestly enough, as the Race of the Year, soon developed into the Race of the Decade, before being saddled with a midweek description as the best race for 30 years, not to mention unofficial world championship - and all before a horse was within a hundred miles of the stalls for the King George VI and Oueen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes to be run at Ascot

this afternoon. Without wishing to take issue with any of those labels for a race which is potentially the most exciting I can recall, let me offer one further observation which will almost certainly help to determine the result of today's explosive encounter. Above all, this is a tactical battle of such proportions that it will make a chess game between Garry Kasparov and the Deep Blue computer resemble a simple game of noughts and crosses.

The main characters need little introduction. Helissio. winner of eight of his ten starts including last year's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe: Pilsudski, the

Breeders' Cup Turf hero and re-This should cent Eclipse Stakes winner: and Singanswer the spiel, who ended last year winning question: the Japan Cup before landing the who is Coronation Cup with consummate the best? ease this spring, are the best grass

horses in the world. But what makes today's mile-and-a-half championship so fascinating is the knowledge that it should answer the question: who is the best? The form book says it is

Helissio, who has twice accounted for Pilsudski on his favoured soft ground, but could only finish in a deadheat for third behind Singspiel on rock hard ground in the Japan Cup last November. The Elie Lellouche-trained mighty Ribot, the only Arc colt did not race as a two-yearwinner to claim the King old but won his first race at George the following season. From a betting standpoint, Pil-

three by ten lengths and then scored by four lengths in his next start, a group two race. Jockey error was blamed for his defeat in the French Der-Peslier taking over and turning the Fairy King colt into a front-running conqueror and therein lies the rub. With Peslier unable to ride

3.50 KING GEORGE VI & QUEEN ELIZABETH

DIAMOND STAKES (Group I: £294,600: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

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(8) 121-321 PLSUDSKI 21 (D.F.B.S) (Lord Westerock) M State 5-9-7

15) 12143-2 SWAW 18 (BF.D.F.S) (Godolphin) S bin Surgar 5-9-7

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Am 20, Ascot good see Predappio

BIG RACE LINE-UP

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(4) 0133-54 STRATEGIC CHOICE 41 (D.F.G) (M Arbit) P Cole 6-9-7 ... R Cochrane 83

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(7) 2311-21 PREDAPPIO 36 (CD.F.G.S) (Godolphin) S bin Surger 4-9-7 (Did Pracoderly - Royal Didd) (11 1114-11 SHARTOU 18 (D.F.G.S) (Shelkh Mohammed) J Goden 4-9-7 ...

Helissio last time. Cash Asmussen took over and retains the ride today. The Texan, better known for his come-from-behind style of riding, successfully adopted front-running tactics when steering Helissio to an easy success in the Grand Prix de

Saint-Cloud last month. However, today Asmussen is unlikely to enjoy an uncontested lead which appears to suit Helissio so well. Just who will take on the favourite is unclear, but with Sheikh Mohammed fielding four runners, including the Godolphin pair, it seems inevitable one will be sacrificed to take on the favourite in an attempt to unsettle his normal style of running. My guess is that Swain will be sacrificed for the part. Either way, it seems unlikely Asmussen's rivals will allow him to sail along in front and wait until the last half-mile before delivering their challenges.

Asmussen is on record as saying he will not mind if another horse leads early on. Helissio's views are unknown. If he is a true champion, he

will adapt and prevail. Should he demur, then look elsewhere for

the winner. With genuinely good ground on Pilsudski, who is still on the upgrade. looks best placed to take advantage. Of course, it is dangerous to assume only three horses are in with a chance. Kingfisher Mill is improving by leaps

vens is not flying in from America to partner Predappio just for the fun of it. Given the equine talent on show and the uncertainty surrounding the outcome of the inevitable tactical battle, this is a race to sayour rather than to bet on. If forced to nominate the winner, Helissio would be my choice to emulate the

and bounds while Gary Ste-

RICHARD EVANS

sudski is the each-way value.

Nap: ALHAWA (5.00 Ascot) Next best: Decorated Hero (4.00 Newcastle)



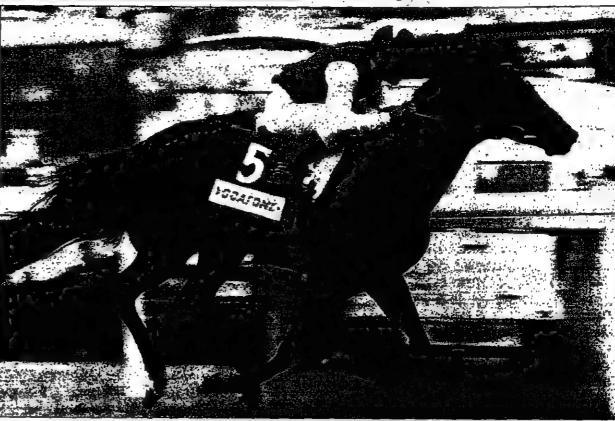


out of the first two just once in 17 starts since his debut, has improved with his racing and is better the ever. Has become a regular world fler, adding victory in the Dubal World Cup this spring to his success in the Japan Cup last sutumn. Did not have to be at his best to win at Epsom on his return to the domestic scene, however, and given that his career-best effort was over ten furlongs on dirt, could prove OWNER: Sheikh Mohammed, the

defence minister of Dubai, is the who have dominated British Flat racing over the past 15 years. The vast scale of his bloodstock interests, which produced Singsp tion in the planeering Godolphin operation, which is

TRAINER: Michael Stoute, son of the chief of police in Berbados, has four nes been champion trainer, reaching new peaks over the past year with the exploits of Singspiel and Pilsudski. Began the year by winning the 2,000 Guineas with Entrepreneur. At 51, Stoute is probably the best all-rounder in

JOCKEY: Frankle Dettori, the 26-year-old son of a former Italian cham returns to the stage where, last autumn, he rode all seven winners, see a niche in the hearts of a wider sporting public. His own heart has been affurther, too; he married last Sunday, "My horse is the one who has no requirements. He can cope with everything; a mile and a half or a mile and a quarter, firm ground or easy ground, fast pace or slow.





YESTERDAY/S RESULTS

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Jul 8, Newmarket good see Shamtou. Oct 26, 1998. Toronto, good see Pilsudskii Oct 6, 1996, Langehamp, good to soll KINGFISHER MILL

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Thunderer selected Cherokee Flight, a 25-1 winner at Wolverhampton yesterday

Cust Assumance (K Faton, 4-1) ALSO PARI 13-2 Sorrayda (5th), 7 Raintone High (4th) 3 Specific from (5th), 16 Angistoni 7 rati 38° Serray Geb 2, 3° 3° 3° 4, 2° 40 Auros of Neutrainet Tole 52'30° E1 60, 23'50° DF 63' GO CSF 23' 42' Berng GRI 15-11 vote subdistant not under order — 166' 4 attolice, deduct 150 in pound 5 00 (im 25) T. KAYF TARA (M.J. Minore, 5-2) Z. Shaga (R. M.S., 9-4 tav), 3, Sanfeya (I. Deston, 17-4, ALSO RAY), 5 Jina Gardens, 1401., 16 Noran, 22 Noral Strong Ring, 40 Juna Alex (5th, 66 Primero, 8 can, 31 hd, 7)

ards' inquiry, the result stood.

3.15 (St) 1, BLESSINGINDISGURSE (M.)
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21. 51 M Stoute at Newmarket, Toter \$2.90; £1.50, £1.10, £1.30. DF \$3.20, CSF: £7.92. Jaciquot: not won (pool of £10,878.31 carned forward to Ascot today). Placepot: £57.90. Quadpot: £7.30.

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2.35 (6) 1. Bartzon (0 Hantson, 9-4 bar); 2. Grand Chapean (12-1); 3. Camformeur (9-1); 4. Tiler (8-1); 16 can, Mk. 31 Ma. J. Ramsden Toler \$2.00; 9: 50, \$2.50, \$1.80, \$1.90. OF \$96.20. Tiler \$137.20. CSF-\$31.53. Tileset \$219.03 231.35 fineset 2219.05 2.05 firm 41, 1, Bally Souza (J Vileaner, 10-11 tan, 2, Carlon Verhure (3-7): 3, In The Money (5-1): 5 ran, 23-1, 52 M Johnston Tote: Et 80, 21 10, 62 10, DF 52 40, CSF, 53 66

3.40 (7) 1. Alconlargh (J Westver, 11-10); 2. Beliedera (5-6 tavi 3. Two Williams (16-1) 3 ran 25-1 1) M Johnston, Toto: £1.80 DF 51 10 CSF £2 19 4.10 (7) 1, Caribbean Ster (W firsh, 5-2 tax): 2, Bernburgh Boy (9-2): 3, Beyond Catculeron (100-30), 11 sm. Ni, 2:-1 m Stouth Total: 9440, \$1.50, 91-40, 22-20, DF-95-60 True E17-50 CSF £12-45 4.40 (1m) 1, Polariza (K Darley, 7-2); 2, Interest (3-1), 3, Mutahandeh (6-1) Bollero 11-4 fev 13 ran NR; Zamabys, 3), hd, T Barron Toter 53,70; 21 70; 21,40; 22 80 DF, 210,00. Tho: 28 8 50 CSF 214 14. Titicast 584.47 No bitd for the witner. Sept. 1984; 1986 of the first winner.

5.15 (Irm) 1. Rosetate Lodge (Lenny Benton, 7-1); 2. Eurobox Boy (11-2 ji-bay);
3. Fancy A Fortune (11-2 ji-bay) Ciceras
Corsul 11-2 ji-bay 12 pin, NR; 51e/3
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Quadpot: £10,30, Wolverhampton

Going: standard 1.95 (50) 1, Heint (P Fessey, 3-1); 2, Mester Foley (5-2 (av); 3, Mesteyit Trues (25-1) 7 ran, Hd, 13ki J Berry, Tote: £3.40; £2.00, £2.40 DF, £5.10, GSF; £11.03. 22.00. 02.40 DF. 25.10, CSF. 211.03.
2.25 (Im 100yd) 1, Colima Cheixe IF Fessey, 16-17. 2, Failed To Hd (10-1); 2, The Executor (7-2 tax), 11 ran. Nk. hd. 3, Spearing, Totale 22.37 to 23.10, 13.40, £1.80. DF 022.50 Time: £135.90 (part won Pool of £11.57 carned forwerd to Asox 5.35 today), CSF. £145.22. Alter stewards weguing, the result shoot.
2.57 (60) 1. Caracterio Md. Caliberther 7.11.

2.55 (6) 1. Carrambo (M Gallagher, 7-1); 2. Kennet (10-1), 3, American Cousin (3-1). Fast Franc 11-4 fee 8 rain 71, hd 3, 5 pre. Tole 55 20; 21-50, 22-20, E1 60, DP. 293 80. CSF 259 50. Thoast. 2235.14 3.25 (50) 1. Millor's Double (F Phrench, 5-4), 2. Nobalmo (8-1), 3. Cessis Ashby Jack (4-5 law) 7 ran 1 kl, 2 k L Miss G Kellaway, Total 92.600, 21 00, 25 30, 0 F. £18.70, CSF £11 19

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4.200 glaneus; 5.10 (2m 48)(d) 1. Lake Dominion (Mr J Owen, 50-1); 2. Stalled (8-4 fav); 3. Anen Sport (5-1); 12 ran, 14, 154, K Cornestord Tote (291 00: £14.60, 190, £200 DF-£146.50 The £216.90 (pan won, Pool of £1,11 camed Erward to Ascot 5.35 today). CSF, £137 75, Tricast £831 06

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John Dunlop could not disguise his disappointment

PILSUDSK: Careor record (1994-95-96-97); 68-26113-2181121-321

takes a lot of getting fit and needed his first two races this term, Although the unlucky Bosia Sham stole his show when he won the Edipse, he reminded us of his fighting spirit. Defeated Singaple! in the Breeders Cup Turt at Woodbine, Toronto lest autumn, but, sturdily built and. round-actioned, he does need on ground to show his best, and has never won at Ascot. taking a back seat at GEC; was no doubt expecting to indulge his twin passions, the Turf and Mozart.

without a oure in the world. But he tost his son, Simon, last year at the age of 44. He is persisting with the family's bloodstock interests only in

memorial to Simon, who had become the driving force (they bred Plisudski at their Ballymecoll Sted in Ireland). Weinstock, 73 next week, won this race in successive years with Troy in 1979, in pertnership with Sir Michael Sobell, and Ela-Winna-Mou.

TRAINER: Michael Stoute holds a powerful hand with Plisudski and

JOCKEY: Michael Kinsne established himself as an indomitable big-race rider when besting Old Vic aboard Shelkh Mohammed's second string Belmez, In the 1990 membry offoday's race. His only other rides have finished first (Kings Theatre 1994) and second (Classic Cliche last year), Kinane, 38, has been (rish champion ten times and shared a ground-breaking success with Virtuge Crop in the 1993-Melbourne Cup, Thelissio has beaten my horse brice, but when I rode him in the spring has been and the string and the second country in the spring has been any hardward, and these has been and the second country in the spring has been any hardward, and these has been in the spring has been any hardward, and these has been any hardward and the spring has been been any hardward and the spring has been any hardward and the spring hardward ha now. He didn't get the credit be deserved for winning the Edipse."

Shuhrah heads betting on 1,000 Guineas

SHUHRAH, owned by Godolphin, upset the not favour-ite, Ashraakat, at Ascot yesterday to become the new favourite for next year's 1,000 Guineas. She was promoted to 16-1 marker leader by William Hill after securing a, I's length victory in the Timeform Charity Day Maiden Stakes.

Ashraakat, closely related to the Irish 1,000 Guineas winner Mehthaaf had been backed during the week into 20-I for the Guineas and came to Ascot with a tall reputation. But Frankie Dettori took Shuhrah into the lead from the outset and the filly always appeared to have the race at

her mercy. While Ashraakat fought with Royal Shyness for room to challenge, Dettori kept up the gallop to win going away. "We heard that the runner-up was a seriously good filly and slightly lost confidence about our chance," Simon Crisford, Godolphin's racing manager. said. "She's been working for quite some time and a couple

of niggling problems have kept her off the track till now, "I hope she will do well in the autumn: I think for the moment we will keep her to six furlongs but she certainly

Ashraakat, who started 6-4 on favourite. He said: "On this performance, she's not as saying she is, but I suppose it depends how good the winner is. I can't say that I've got any plans at all for her now." ☐ There are ten acceptors for the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood next Wednesday: Alhaarth, Ali-Royal, Allied Forces, Gothenberg, Air Express. Among Men, Faithful Son. Starborough, Wolf Mountain and Classic Park. Ladbrokes bets: 6-4 Starborough, 5-1 Air Express,

Among Men. 7-1 Alhaarth.

Allied Forces, 8-1 Ali-Royal,

9-1 Faithful Son, 12-1 others.

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2.00: This is invariably contested by top-class juveniles and all bar Deep Space and Paddy McGoon hold big-race entries. Peter Walwyn has a good record and runs Najjar. However, the pair to concen-trate on are Mutawwaj, who has been pleasing on the gallops, and Social Charter. Peter Chapple-Flyam has an excellent strike rate with his two-year-olds and this Nureyev calrs Gimcrack, Middle Park, Dewhorst and Derby entries follow good work at

2.35: Of the nine runners for this ladies' race, only two can be given a chance. Yorkshire. who was considered group the 2000 Guineas, the John one material, has failed to live Gosden-trained Green Desert



up to expectations, but the Generous colt has shown respeciable form in conditions events and the German Derby. However, it will be a big surprise if Cape Cross. partnered by the excellent Lydia Pearce, does not land the diamonds. Third in the Craven Stakes and eighth in

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colt worked in sparkling style 3.05: Miss Zafonic looked far

from wound up when impressing on her debut at Windsor, winning readily in a decent time. The form looks decent and Richard Hannon's filly is open to considerable improvement. Forest Trea-sure, third in the Cherry Hinton, looks as though she will need further, unlike Socket Set, whose two victories have been over the minimum. The well-touted Embassy obliged on her debut at Newmarket and, although the form has taken a couple of knocks, David Loder's Cadeaux Genereux filly should improve.

3.50: See facing page.

RICHARD EVANS



Rusk, nearside, defies top weight in the Brown Jack Handicap at Ascot yesterday

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THUNDERER
2.15 Miss Selsa Dencer. 2.50 Party Romance, 3.25
Daynabee, 4.00 Wizard King, 4.35 Pride Of Pandle.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 DECORATED HERO.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

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2.50 ELDON GARDEN SHOPPING HANDICAP (£3,469; 1m 2f 32yd) (8)

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(4) 1200-PARTY ROMANCE 17 (0,6) 8 Herbury 3-9-6 — W Ryan (7) 2100 CAM GAN LADY 19 (C,F,6) M Johnston 3-9-4
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2 23 DTMARTI 28 C Beech 6-11 K.Hodgson
3 2058 ELECNORA D'ARBOREA 7 E Mentro 8-11 K Dark
4 2 FACSBALE 21 J H Wilson 8-11
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6 55 KETTLESING 22 (B) M W Gastards 8-11 T Luca
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8.25 CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT FINANCE CLAIMING STAKES

(2-4-0: \$2,277-61) (8)

8.55 BIN HANDICAP

8.15 ASHURST LIMITED STAKES

7.45 LADBROKE HANDICAP (3-Y-0 £3,096: 2m) (7)

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RACING NEXT WEEK

MONDAY Brighton (Incl. race. 2:00) Newcastle (2:15), Windsor (Sky. 6:15), Yarmouth (Sky. 6:00) TUESDAY: Goodwood (BBC 215). Beverley (2.00) WEDNESDAY: Goodwood (88C, 215). Notingham (290) Doncaster (Sky 615), Sandown (Sky, 600)

THURSDAY: Goodwood (BBC, 2 15)

(2.25) Ascot (Sry 6.00) Newmarket (Sry, 6.10), Salisbury (5.50) Bangor (2.35) SATURDAY: Goodwood (BBC, 2.15), Netwinskot (2.00) Thirsk (2.10), Hamilton Park (Sry, 5.55), Lingfield Park (Sry 6.05), Newton Abbot (2.25), Market Reson (5.15) SUNDAY Chepstow (2.10), Chester (2.30) Newcastle (2.20)

Flat mestings in bold

Doing the hokey cokey is in-thing at Headingley

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LYNNE TRUSS



Kicking and Screaming

o to the nice, clean-cut batsman sitting thought-fully to the left of the the balustradred balcony - had I properly identified him as the next man out? Well, nearly. In fact, of course, he was the next man in. And the disgraced chap approaching us, with his bat under his arm and his neck bent? He was coming in? Well, no, not exactly, because he was obviously out .

Which all goes to show that living with a cricketer must get very confusing at times. "Just popping in for a pint," he calls over his shoulder a point. his shoulder, donning a coat and opening the front door. "Oh. All right." calls his deranged wife, her eyes a-swivel. "Anything you want me to get while I'm in?" he adds. on the doorstep, "Shall I take the dog in?" Later, he gets home to find a scrawled note in a house from which all furniture and curtains have been removed. "Couldn't stand in-out thing any more," the note says. "Your dinner is out of the oven.

Cricketing terminology clearly takes some getting used to and one might argue that a Test match is not the ideal place to start. However, yesterday (the second, splendidly exciting day of the Headingley Test) I began to master the inout inversion just in time to learn that, in certain circumstances. when England are batting, "in" actually implies "out" - the two states being almost simultaneous-ly achieved. "He's in!" we said. throughout England's morning innings. We blinked and coughed. Blimey, he's out as well!" It happened several times. In, out, in, out. Never have I seen a



Crawley comes in after getting out as Croft goes out as next man in during the fourth Test match at Headingley yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

sporting event to which the lyrics of the hokey cokey more splendid-

But, while exciting for the spec-tators, all this traffic back and forth put a visible strain on that universal sufferer: the Next Man In. Knowing naught of cricket, I had never seen a Next Man In before, though I suspect the game's literary tradition contains umpteen poetic tributes to this poor chap, holding himself, bat across his knee, in readiness for history to call his name. Newbolt and Kipling doubtless wrote sterling doggerel on the subject; First World War poets found a metaphor for going over the top. Courage, patience and an iron nerve serve this figure well. Plus an excellent bladder, of course.

Ah yes, how the hairs on the back of the neck stand up. Play up (any minute), Play up (at extreme-ly short notice) and Play the game (auite soon)! The first chap waiting on the balcony yesterday was sixth man, Graham Thorpe, and if you have ever seen a person on the verge of tears, suddenly struck by the poignant memory of a muchloved puppy, that's what Graham

Thorpe looked like as he waited in the antercom of fate. Except to examine his fingernails or chew the side of his thumb, he never really moved.

Around him, colleagues and support crew relaxed in tracksuits, pointedly excluding him from conversation. He rubbed his nose. "Cheer up, it might never happen," would have been an inaccurate thing to say to him, but the urge was there. That facel Sosolemn! Whatever befell that much-loved puppy long ago, it is high time that he tried to put its loss behind him.

John Crawley, batting next, had a fag and drank from a tin of fizz. Going on body language, I sus-

for God's sake). Thorpe struck a rather splendid leaping shot at shoulder height, at which Crawley weighed up the odds and lit another fag.

According to the Test match programme notes. Crawley has a degree in history, which perhaps lends him perspective on the shortterm. But he is no slouch. The moment that Atherton was caught out. Crawley was bounding down the steps to take his place - a tribute to either his laudable gameness or the terrible bloodrushing effects of nicotine.

The thing about cricket is that things happen simply, one at a time. This means it is fairly easy to follow, just so long as you know: what is happening. Unfortunately, in the course of play yesterday, I personally saw at least 25 batsmen caught out ("Yes! Excellent! Oh hang on, no"), so it's clear there are mysteries that elude me. But this

'It all shows that living with a cricketer must get extremely confusing at times'

highly ordered approach to a game means that those waiting batsmen are obliged to join the queue, chew the lip and keep their engines at a high rev — and there is nothing that they can do about

The hokey-cokey pattern worked well for both sides yesterday until, for some perverse reason, the Australia partnership of Matthew Ellion and Ricky Ponting forgot all about Ian Healy waiting for hours on the balcony, going vroom, vroom, vroom. "Sod him," they said. "We're staying out, I mean

What bad grace, not to make room for others. How ill-bred those Australians are. We English are in and out so quickly that sometimes we leave nothing behind but an aura. "Can't you see poor Healy waiting? He's been here ages," we urged those annoying batsmen, as they passed their without a thought for others.

Durham work to stave off disaster

By DEREK HODGSON

CHELTENHAM (third day of four): Durham, with three second-innings wickets in hand, require 64 runs to avoid an innings defeat against

DURHAM found some steel vesterday, surviving 131 overs and an extra half hour, but their fourth championship defeat, and their third by an

morning.
David Boon, after a run of low scores, was at his most implacable in spending more than three hours over 66, and he had some staunch support from Jon Lewis, who scored Gloucestershire, without re-quiring much more than patient application, were able their only danger today.

The College Ground recovered well after the deluge on Thursday, which had no effect on the pitch, the bounce remaining true. Durham resumed their attempt on the mountain 382 behind, cheering their travelling band with

Sharp chances were oftered. Lewis to second slip, off Shaun Young, and Mike Roseberry to Jack Russell, off James Averis' first ball. But the first crisis came when first slip claimed Roseberry caught off Averis. Roseberry (40) asked Martyn Ball if the catch was clean, got the nod, and set off only to be recalled by umpire Steve Balderstone. who said afterwards that as he could not see the catch completed he had to give the batsman the benefit of the doubt

Any animosity died five runs later when Roseberry had his stumps shattered, That brought together Durham's most successful batsmen. Lewis (averaging 40) and John Morris (43).

But Morris, as we know, is not a man of muck and nettles. He had creamed 37 runs putting a high polish on drove to give gully a high dismissal to the first innings. Lewis and Boon ground out a further 54 in 27 overs before Lewis. pushing forward to Ball, was routed by an off break that turned.

Strang has the last word to deny Ramprakash

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

LORD'S (third day of four): Kent (21pts) beat Middlesex (4) by four

KENT won a compelling match yesterday as Middlesex fell just short of glory. A boundary short, to be precise. Mark Ramprakash, who had batted superbly for 113, was left to ponder what might have been when Tuinell, the last man, prodded a catch to Ward at silly mid-off.

Tufnell had lent good support for Ramprakash sometimes chose to protect him from the strike, sometimes not. They put on 20 before Strang insisted on having the final word. He took six wickets in the innings, including the last four, and,

as he also held two catches, he was a

It was hard on Ramprakash, who opened the innings in place of Kallis and carried his bat to make his third hundred of the season. If there is any merit in the phrase, a captain's innings, then Ramprakash supplied it. He has adjusted well to the additional responsibility since Gatting stood down last month and nobody could have done more to bring his side victory.

When the day began Middlesex, on 134 for five, needed a further 127, with Ramprakash paired with Kaills. This was likely to be the crucial parmership. If they could stay together until lunch, or at least bat for most of the morning, then Middlesex should prevail.

Kallis started brightly until. in

McCague's fourth over of the day, he was leg-before. That was McCague's ninth and, as it turned out last wicket of the match. From now on it became a question of how well the batsmen played Strang, the Zimbabwean leg spinner, who wheeled away at the Nursery End.

Brown, handicapped by a badly bruised right index finger that forced him to give the wicketkeeping gloves to Gatting the day before, was out immediately. He favours the sweep, a stroke that has been known to favour him, but on this occasion he may have been wiser to leave it for an over or two, in order to acquaint himself with the bowling. Smith, at deep backward square leg, took the

Middlesex were 157 when that wicket went down, leaving were going strong when Johnson, on

Ramprakash to find the necessary runs from the unlikely combination of Johnson, Fraser and Tufnell. In the end, they did not let him down. Gatting, the highest run-maker in the side, and Brown, one of the most reliable men in county cricket, con-tributed not a single between them and their failure ultimately cost Middlesex the match.

Johnson batted well enough to suggest that he has an all-round career shead of him. He will never make a No 6 but some of his strokeplay indicated a talent that is worth developing. As he added 57 with Ramprakash, the thought began to grow that Middlesex might win. Bowled out for 105 in their first innings, they made the highest score of the match in pursuit of victory and

33, chose not to effer a stroke to Strang and fell leg-before.

Fraser hung around for six overs and got a couple of decent clouts in: Then, unable as Brown had been to resist the sweep, he slogged Strang behind square and Smith, once again, took the catch. Amid rising excitement Tufnell survived until lunch, when II were still needed. But the win that Ramprakash had made possible was beyond them.

Give Kent their due. They were 24 for four on the first morning and struck back to win after a run of three successive defeats. McCague bowled fast and well, Kallis returned his best bowling figures, Strang spoke on behalf of the slow men and Ramprakash batted splendidly in a losing cause. It was a very good

in groove at right moment

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

CHESTERFIELD (third day of four: Derbyshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 177 runs ahead of

WITH perfect timing, in more than one sense Adrian Dale resuscitated Glamorgan and revived his own form at Queen's Park yesterday. Dale had been dismissed without scoring three times in his past five innings, but he made amends with an unbeaten 142

— his best score of the summer — in guiding Gla-morgan to full batting points. Once the Welsh county had averted the threat of batting again, they declared immediately, offering the appetising prospect of a run chase today. Glamorgan's revival made Derbyshire's first-morning score of 182 without loss seem just a bad dream, but their day was clouded by several batting misadventures. It was left to Dale, almost single-handed, to take the game to Derbyshire. His prime supporter was Adrian Shaw in a seventh wicket partnership of 90 in 32 overs. After they had added 35 Karl Krikken crucially missed stumping Shaw off the bowling of Matthew

Shaw, then 17, proceeded to make 38 before chopping a delivery from Devon Mal-

colm onto his stumps.
Glamorgan's major hatting losses before the dilligent Dale took control included Matthew Maynard, caught when flicking the ball off his legs, and Tony Cottey, run-out in bizarre circumstances. Cottey miscued a stroke to silly point where Paul Aldred swooped and threw down the stumps with the batsman stranded and off-balance outside his ground.

Later, Gary Butcher was caught at first slip to provide one of three yietims for Phillip DeFreitas. As Derbyshire's day deteriorated, their appealing became more impassioned but rarely fruitful. 🛼 They had a glimmer of a

chance to make Glamorgan bat again when Wagar Younis was eighth out with 21 still needed, but Steve Walkin supported Dale in the final flourish which leaves DeFreitas, the Demostire captain with a tricky declara-tion to make

Giles and Frost come to rescue

BY IVO TENNANT

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Somerset, with all first-328 runs behind Warwickshire

AFTER all the floodlit merrymaking, there was some rather more dogged cricket at Edgbaston yesterday. Warwickshire, who had just about begun their first innings the previous, rain-ruined day, collapsed to 157 for eight before Ashley Giles and Tony Frost, the reserve wicketkeeper, put on 141 in 42 overs, a record for the county's ninth wicket

against Somerset. When Giles was eventually yorked by Caddick, he had made 97. an innings that included 15 fours and two sixes. It would have been only the second century of his career, but he bats, at times, as if he is an all-rounder in the making. For Frost, his half century was his highest score. What was especially commendable about their partnership was that they came together at a stage when Mushtaq Ahmed had taken live wickets in his customary bewitching way.

Mushtaq's initial spell, before he changed ends, was one of 18-6-32-5. These wickets were actually taken at a cost of three runs if looked at from

It was a day's play which, at that time, was much in need of some captivating cricket, nor least because of Somerser's poor over rate. Before lunch, taken at 1.30 - the hours of play in this match are all out of sync owing to the flood-lit

were averaging 13 an hour.So successful was the flood-lit affair, the atmosphere so subsequent cricket has ap-

peared commonplace. The rain on Thursday, when only 11 balls were possible, did not, of course, help. A Sunday league contest can never have made such an impression before and probably never will again. In the heady off-the-field aftermath. Warwickshire offered Phil Neale, their director of coaching, a new two-year contract. He has yet to respond.

Warwickshire's opening partnership and their batting in the middle order was unexceptional. Caddick took two other wickets, having Wagh held in the slips and Moles leg-before. There was some decent batting from Hemp, who played with some ease and struck nine fours in his innings of 49 before he was caught at mid-on swinging rashly at Mushtaq.

The Pakistan leg-spinner then had Ostler taken at silly point and bowled both Smith and Brown with what looked to be googlies. When Welch went, sweeping, Warwickshire were 137 for seven. Next, Rose had Penney caught at the wicket off the inside edge. It looked as if Somerset would bowl them out for a paltry total until, that was, Giles and Frost came together. Another 14 runs and they would have established a ninth-wicket record against any county. Somerset were left to face two overs, which they survived

Tolley casts a spell over champions

LEICESTER (third day of four): Leicestershire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, require 253 runs to beat, Nottinghamshire

successive championship vic-

tory today. Ten years ago, at Canterbury, during Nottinghamshire's double-winning season, Richard Hadlee completed a hat-trick, only matched by their young allrounder, Paul Franks, last

UNTIL last week it would have taken some arduous thumbing through Wisden to ascertain Nottinghamshire's most recent hat-trick taker. Now, within the space of a week, they have acquired two and yesterday, at Grace Road, Chris Tolley's feat underallowing Nottinghamshire to take the ascendancy. But, on an eventful and fluctuating afternoon, the Leicestershire seamers fought back to set up the chance of a second

week, during the championship fixture against Warwick-

shire at Trent Bridge. At 12.10pm, Leicestershire, with their overnight pairing in command, were progress ing serenely towards the visi-tors' total. At this stage, Tolley, whose previous 17 overs hardly hinted at the feat

that was to follow, ostensibly redressed the balance by removing the centurion Darren Maddy, as well as Ben Smith and Paul Nixon. From there on Leicestershire batsmen capitulated as Tolley collected career-best figures of six for 61. leaving the Zimbabweborn left-hander. Neil Johnson, stranded on 76.

In the morning, Maddy completed his third century of the season before Tolley began to cast his spell. With a lead of 75 on first-

innings. Nottinghamshire started cautiously with Guy Welton narrowly avoiding a pair on debut, by edging Alan Mullally wide of Nixon, and having his stumps rattled by a Mulially no-ball. But from there the left-armer regained sufficient rhythm to, in conjunction with James Ormond, run through the visitors' bat-

ting.

Mullally, so disappointing
on the first day, gleaned his
fourth five-wicket haul of the season with five for 62; but no less impressive was the former England under-19 seamer, Ormond, who, working up a good head of steam, up the hill, captured three for 55, including two wickets in consecutive balls, during two

Penberthy makes a worthy stand

BY RICHARD HORSON

NORTHAMPTON (third day of four): Northamptonshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 132 runs to avoid an innings defeat

THERE are more sides to Chris Lewis than a 50p piece and few people were at the Wantage Road ground to witness one of them yesterday morning. With the clock yet to strike nine, Lewis was alone in the nets, marking out his run-up and striving to rectify the no-ball problem that had blighted his spell on Thursday

evening.
Endeavour brought its due reward. In 20.3 hostile overs. Lewis took three wickets for 31 and overstepped three times. The contrast with his performance on the second day seven no balls in five overs costing 51 — was extreme.

It is said that his follow-

through is a barometer of his disposition. The closer he finishes to the batsman, the greater his ease with himself and the world. He was within touching distance yesterday and Taylor appeared a relieved man when he edged to slip, having been previously struck on the helmet and the arm during an especially brisk

For a time it appeared that Northamptonshire might. avoid the follow-on. They had passed 400 and were 31 runs short when Boswell became Lewis's final victim, but with further sturdy resistance today, three points for a draw are within their compass. The bounce remains even and score quickly to cope. . .

Salisbury, the leg spinner, has posed little threat.

Tony Penberthy presented the widest shield to Surrey. Eight years ago, he marked his debut by removing Mark Taylor with his very first delivery. In his previous in-nings, against England at Headingley. Taylor had scored 136, so the young Cornishman became an immediate celebrity in his adopt ed county. Penberthy has given good,

unspectacular service since. Injury to Curran, who has broken both thumbs, promp-ted a re-call here, and he batted for 266 minutes in scoring 96, hitting 12 fours. He stood a firm blow away from a maiden championship hun-dred when he nudged Benja-min to Martin Bicknell at slip and scythed his hat through the air in disappointment.
Snape offered the most reli-

able support during a sixthwicket stand of 123, this after Northamptonshire collapsed from 164 for one to 199 for five. Fordham and Sales followed deliveries outside the off stump, while Bailey pushed forward ineffectually and Warren edged a "heavy" ball from Martin Bicknell to gully. Snape had recorded his third half-century of the season before a lavish swing of the bat presented Batty, the wicketkeeper, with a simple chance. From thereon in,

sess enough batsmen who can

Surrey needed to remain patient and alert and, if they require quick runs in the final session today, then they pos-



Law turns the tide to give Gooch a go

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THE last of the summer wine has almost gone, but yesterday the beautolais nouveau kept the Essex throng tolerably content. Darren Robinson, successor to Graham Gooch as the opening partner to Paul Prichard in the foreseeable future, duly completed the third hundred of his career his first since July 1995, or 41 innings ago - and went on to turn his overnight 81 into a career best of 148 after 612 hours at the crease.

From this, it will be that Robinson has



Moody: dominated scoring

some way to go before he is as rich to the palate as Gooch at his best; but it was a performance that prompted Prichard to award the boy from Braintree his county cap during the tea interval.

As one door closes, another Essex batted on almost until tea, gaining a lead of 57 runs, thanks largely to a last-wicket parmership between Grayson and Andrew which raised an unlikely 53. This may well have done a large favour for the wicket for one last appearance, a hope reinforced when Worcestershire lost three wickets in 17 balls at the end of

Such bowled Spiring the chief obstacle to Essex in the first innings, and then, in the last over of the day, Stuart Laws leg spin claimed the

Haynes. Before this, the spin of Such had appeared to hold the key although the lock had not yet clicked. Spinners had been in use for much of the day. The pitch has yielded slow turn throughout, but until that late clatter of wickets this had served more to slow the run careful batsmen.

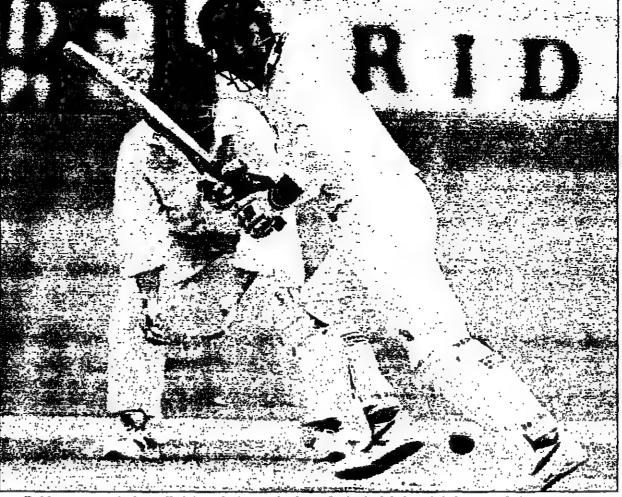
One advantage of the use of so much spin has been an over-rate reminiscent of the Fifties, when 20 overs an hour was commonplace. Yesterday was not quite up to that mark, but to have the day's play finish on time three days in a row is as rare as the likes of Steve Andrew reaching double figures.

Before Andrew came in, the pattern of the Essex innings had followed that of Worcestershire with uncanny precision. Robinson had scored two fewer runs in 11 more minutes than Spiring, of Worcester-shire; Essex, on 398 for nine, had progressed at almost exactly the same rate as their opponents. But Andrew, hose appearances for Essex in recent seasons have been as scarce as snowballs in July, played with a free swing of the bat, after a period of reconnaissance.

Grayson was batting well and had been very much in charge until Andrew got Solanki in his sights. A very slender lead became one of some substance as Andrew took 18 from an over. Worcestershire lost Curtis

and Moody in their second innings before they restored the balance. Such had Curtis caught at slip, low down by Prichard: Moody, having scored 41 out of 51 with panache, was caught behind. So although for Gooch it had been a virtual day off, the shadows lengthened gave considerable hope that he will have one turn at the crease before fading into obscurity.

Furthermore, the chances of Essex improving their position in the race for the championship have been greatly improved by the turn of events during the last hour.



Robinson steers the ball off his legs during his innings of 148 which led to his being awarded a county cap

Hampshire battle on amid rumours

BY PAT GERSON

then upset the balance of negotiations between the two

captains by taking Lanca-shire's first five second-in-nings wickets for \$3.

and buts crashing around the

dressing-room as Hayden and Laney missed out on centuries. Hayden was six runs away from his fifth of the

season when he tried to cut

the off spinner Yates, and was

caught behind; Laney was within five runs of his first

when he was leg-before, pushing forward to Martin.

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35. It was just as well for Hampshire that James stabil-

ised the situation by occupy-

ing the crease for 43 overs and

30 runs before Keech seized the initiative with only his

second century in seven sea-

sons, off 129 balls with 17

Stephenson, who had been

negotiating with Watkinson

throughout an unbroken

fifth-wicket stand of 85, then

declared. What happened

after that was more than he

had bargained for.

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SOUTHAMPTON (third day of four): Lancashire, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 260 runs ahead of

HAMPSHIRE kept their minds on the job yesterday as bizarre rumours about a takeover bid involving a millionaire called Rob Bransgrove, Mark Nicholas, the former captain, Chris Smith, now chief executive of the Western Australia Cricket Association, and even Shane Warne swept the County Ground.

They were all mentioned by George Pollock, a former Bournemouth magistrate, who has a petition signed by 100 members expressing deep concern with the way the club is run. Club officials will try to placate him at an informal members' forum today, but nary general meeting. It could have been very

distracting for a Hampshire team chasing a total of 569 for eight declared, but they re-sponded so forcefully that Lancashire agreed not to enforce the follow-on when they declared at 412 for four, 157 runs behind. Hampshire

Sussex build upon Greenfield site

Pakistan A, with eight secondinnings wickets in hand, are 18 runs ahead of Sussex

THE cream of Pakistani youth began to curdle in the Hove sunshine yesterday as Keith Greenfield, the acting Sussex captain, and Amer Khan preyed on the touring side's boyish impatience to steal a slender first-innings lead.

eight at tea and facing a sizeable first-innings deficit.
But, as Greenfield and Khan got their heads down, the bowling became worse. Surprisingly, Rizvi, who finished with three for 68, was allowed in the content of allowed just five overs after tea while the fast-bowling trio of Shoulb Akhtar, Abdul Razzaq and Azhar Mahmood insisted on bowling shorter and wider and shouting louder and more despairingly.

With the pitch showing no

county cricket, thoroughly enjoyed it. He made his debut 10

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Racing to get in on London's appeal

BY DAVID POWELL

THE London Triathlon is inspiring a boom in multi-sports in much the same way that the London Marathon prompted a running craze in Britain 15 years ago. Although there are nearly two months to go before the first London Triathlon, the event has reached its capacity for indi-vidual entries and only relay teams are being accepted now. More than half the entries

are from men and women who will be attempting their first triathlon. The 2,600 accepted individuals, combined with a relay that is likely to push numbers towards 5,000, ensures that London will be host to the largest triathlon in Britain and the second biggest in the world. Only the Mrs T's triathlon in Chicago is bigger, claiming between 5,000 and 6.000 competitors.

To be the second biggest in the world in our first year is very rewarding," Michael Smithwick, the London Triathlon event manager

. "We are thrilled about it. Any further individual entries will be retained on a reserve list and offered a place if people pull out, and offered a guaranteed place for 1998."

The corporate relay, though, presents an appealing alternative. Held over the Olympic distance of 1,500 metres swim. 40 kilometres ride and ten kilometres run, it is aimed mainly at the business community but is open also to pubs and clubs.

Each team is made up of three competitors, one on each leg. We have had more than 150 teams entered from approaching 100 companies." Smithwick said. Entry forms can be obtained from: The London Triathlon, Blackfriars Road, SEI SER (Tel: 0171-928 5055).

To be held in Docklands on September 21, the London Triathlon will bring to the capital some of the world's leading professionals while encouraging lesser mortals to "have a go". Backed by the British Triathlon Association, it is a European Triathlon Union-approved event offering equal prize-money to men and women.

For those intent on a triathlon in London that day, but too late with their individual entry and not drawn by the relay, there is an alterna-tive. The Spelthorne Triathion, at Sunbury, will be held over a sprint distance (Tel: 01784-440113).

SPORT IN BRIEF

Smith fails to break butterfly record

MICHELLE SMITH, Ire land's triple Olympic champi-on, failed in her bid to break the world short-course record for 200 metres butterfly it Belfast yesterday. Smith, 27 swam Zmin 8.15sec, more than two seconds outside the record of 2:05.05, set by Mary Meagher, of the United States, in 1981. Smith's best time, of 2:07.61, set last year, remains the sixth fastest ever. She won yesterday's race, at the Irish national championships, by

more than 13 seconds. Smith said that she had entered the race as preparaonships, in Seville next month. She is the defending champion in the 200m butterfly and the 200m individual medley.

☐ Golf: Janice Moodie, who beat Karine Icher two and one, and Elaine Ratcliffe, who narrowly accounted for Maitene Alsuguren, were the only two British Winners on a disappointing first day in the Vagliano Trophy at Halm-stad, Sweden, yesterday. Europe now lead Great Britain and Ireland 72-45, and need only a further 412 points today to retain the trophy.

☐ Cycling: Matthew Illingworth, a member of Britain pursuit squad for the world track championships in Perth. Australia, next month, helped Harlow CC to the fastest time so far in the national 4,000 metres championship yesterday. The Harlow quartet qual-lified in 4min 24.852sec to meet Stockport Clarion.

Gliding: Gill Spreckley and Lucy Withall, the Standard Class pair from Britain, retained the overall lead after finishing first and sixth on the second day of the European woman's championship in Prievidza, Slovakia, yesterday. Rose Johnson, eleventh on day two, remains second overall it the Club Class.

☐ Polo: England, with Howard Hipwood as captain, meet the United States for the Westchester Cup in Windsor Great Park tomorrow afternoon. Later on the same programme, Urs Schwarzenbach's Black Bears meet Hubert Perrodo's Labegorce for the Prince Philip Trophy.

☐ Tennis: Danny Sapsford was beaten 6-4. 7-6 by Jean-Baptiste Perlant, the No Sseed from France, to end British interest in the Northern Electric Open tennis tournament in Newcastle yesterday.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

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A S Rollins not out Total (no wkt) 22 BOWLING: Wager Younis 4-0-13-0; Wasten 6-2-11-0: Coster 2-1-1-0 GLAMORGAN: Fles linings

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D A Cooker did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-54, 3-88, 4-151, 5-175, 6-222, 7-312, 8-343. 80MLING Malcolm 23-2-84-1; DeFretas 24-3-96-3; Vendrau 21-5-68-1, Hams 17-5-4-81-2; Aldred 10-3-30-0; Clerke 5-0-25-0. Bonus points: Derbyshire 7 Glamorgan 6 Umplies: J D Bond and V A Holder.

Gloucestershire v Durham CI-ELTENHAM (third day of four). Durham, with three second-innings widests in hand, require 6s runs to avoid an innings delect against Gloucestershire. DURHAM: First Image 86 (M W Alleyne 5 for 14).

BOWLING: Young 25-5-84-2, Laws 16-5-42-1; Davis 27-11-31-1; Allayne 20-6-50-2; Averts 12-2-54-0; Badi 28-9-58-1; Windows 1-1-0-0

1-1-0-0 GLOUCESTERSHIPE: First Innings 471 for 6 dec (M.W. Alleyne 169, R.C. Russell 103 not out, M.G. N. Windows 75, S. Young 52, S. J. E. Brown 4 tor 129). Bonus points; Gloucestershire & Dumam 2. Umpires: J C Balderstone and K E Palmir.

Essex v Worcestershire CHELMSFORD (third day of lour). Wordestership, with live second-imings wickets in hand, are 42 runs ahead of Essex

Second Invings

"I M Moody c Rolling to Anchew 41
I S Curils e Prichard b Such 2
G A Hick not out 29
K R Spiring b Such 19
J Frincisc e Rolling b S G Law 4
G R Haynes c D R Law b S G Law 9
Total (5 wids) 99

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FALL OF WICKETS, 1-23, 2-51, 3-88, 4-99, BOWLP4G: Cowen 4-0-21-0; Irani 7-3-10-0; Such 13-5-27-2; Andrew 5-0-18-1; S G Law 4-5-0-20-2

ESSEX: First innings

4-303, 5-359, 6-367, 7-390, 6-393, 9-386 BOMLING: Sheriyar 11-2-28-2: Haynes 20-5-3-5; Lampti: 14-4-54-1; Hack 34-9-79-0; Moody 12-2-50-2; Rawneley 19-8-45-2; Solania 31-6-96-1; Leatherdale 7-1-35-9.

35-4: Borius points; Essex 5 Worcestershire 5 Umpires; J W Holder and G I Burgess Hampshire v Lancashire SOUTHAMPTON (third day of four): Lan-castite, with the accord-immgs wickets in hand, are 260 turns ahead of Hempshira LANCASHERE: First Innings 559 for 8 dec (Al Washinson 135, A Finted 117, G D Lloyd 90, N T Wood 82, I D Austri 69 not out)

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Second Imnings
JE R Gallian c Keech b Milbum 1
N T Wood c Aymes b Bowll 7
N H Fairbrother b Stephenson 18
G D Lloyd c Aymes b Milbum 1
A Finingt c Maru b Bowll 1
A Finingt c Maru b Bowll 2
M Weldonson not out 24
I D Austrin not out 25 Total (5 wks) _______103 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-10, 3-11, 4-51,

3-03. BOWLING: Milbum 14-4-25-2; Bovel 10-2-42-2: Stephenson 13-3-30-1 HAMPSHIPE: First immos

Extras (5 4, ib 4, nb 12) Total (4 wide dec. 108 overs) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-200, 2-208, 3-252, 1-327.

BOWLING: Martin 14-5-41-1; Shadford 13-2-80-0; Austin 17-5-61-0; Washinson 19-2-99-1; Yatas 31-6-84-1; Gellan P-1-39-1. Romas moints: Hamnehira 7 i ancashira 5. Umpires: D R Shepherd and P Wiley.

Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire LECESTER (fined day of four): Lecesting-shire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, require 253 runs to been Nottinghamshire: Finel Innings 342 (M P Downtern 149). Second Innings G.E. Wicken o Noron of Company.

Extres (b 13, 15 6, nb 10) Total 182
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-41, 3-91, 4-122, 5-122, 5-160, 7-160, B-161, 9-182

BOWLING: Multaby 19-7-52-5, Ormand 20-1-55-3; Militaby 74-2-21-2, Welts 5-1-24-0; Pierson 1-0-1-0. LEICESTERSHIRE: First Immoti

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80WLING, Franks 5-2-9-0; Oram 20-8 Second hvrings

SOWALING: Tolley 2-0-4-0; Astle 1-1-0-0 Bonus points. Leicestershire 6 Notinghamshire 7 Umpires: A A Jones and R A White Middlesex v Kent

Total (no witi) ...

LOAD'S (third day of lour) Kent (21pts best Middlesert (4) by lour runs KENT: First innings 208 (A P Wells 83) Second innings 157 (J H Kallis 5 for 54) MEDDLESEX: First Innings 105 (M McCague 7 for 50)

 FALL OF WICKETS, 1-8, 2-41, 3-41, 4-111, 5-125, 6-156, 7-157, 8-214, 9-236. BOMUNG: McCague 21-4-72-2: logieuden 14-3-47-2; Philips 7-0-31-0; Strang 27 2-2-88-6; Fleming 6-3-10-0 Umpeas: J H Hampshire and D J Constant

Northamptonshire v Surrey NORTHAMPTON (that day at lour): North-emptonshire, with all second-energy wich-ets in hand, need 132 runs to avoid an immigs detest against Surrey SUPPREY: First Immos 581 for 7 dec (A D Brown 170 not out. D J Basknett 162, A J Hollogies (III)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First innings NUMBER OF STATE OF ST

"R J Balley & A J Holling-by b M P Bishirian
D J G Safes & Bethy b Selectory
A L Penberthy & M P Bishirell b Benjimmin
J N Snepe & Bethy b 8 C Holling-bill I
D Ripley b Salestory
J P Tavfor & B C Holling-bill Lewis
S A J Bossell & Ward b Lewis
Mohammad Akram not out
Extres (b 3, 1b 7, nb 40)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-164, 3-184 4-189, 5-199, 6-322, 7-345, 8-381, 9-399 BOWLING M P Bekrell 31-8-111-2, Lows 25.3-7-82-4, Bengaman 16-6-41-1 Saksbury 23-4-85-2 B C Hollinake 10-1-31-1 A J Hollinake 9-1-35-0 Resculte 2-0-5-0

Second Immrgs
D J Roberts not out
F J Warren not out
Extras (b 1, w 6, nb 2)

Bonus points Northemptonshire 6 Surrey 7 Warwickshire v Somerset EDGBASTON (second day of lour) Some-sel, with all first-mings wickets in hand, are 328 runs behind Warwickshire

*A J Moles Roy to Cacdisck 38
M A Wash Persons to Cacdisck 23
D I. Herrip c Parsons to Mushraq 4
T I. Penney c Turner to Rose 22
N M K Smith to Mushraq 0
G Weich to Mushraq 0
G Weich to Mushraq 5
T Frost c Turner to Rose 56
A A Donald not out 19
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A A Doneid not out Extres (0 4, 10, 10, w 2, nh, 10) Total (108.4 overs) 336 FALL OF WICKETS 1-31, 2-112, 3-120, 4-125, 5-131, 6-131, 7-137, 8-157, 9-298 BOWLING Carries 30-90-3: Snine 23-5-61-0; Rose 19 4-8-61-2; Musitasa Ahmed 31-9-66-5, Persons 2-1-4-0, Trescoffick 4-1-18-0

SOMESSET: Fast Innings Total (no wid, 2 overs) ... S C Ecclestone, M E Trescothick, M N Lathwell, K A Parsons, 1R J Turner, G D Rose, A R Caddick, Mushtan Ahmed and K J Shine to bat

BOWLING: Daneld 1-1-0-0: Giles 1-0-8-0 Bonus points: Wenwickshire 3 Somerset 4. Umpress, T.E. Jesty and R.Palmer MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: IT harmon cucymissis or main server in mel day of two: Brechtampiper Herstondhire 225-5 dec and 205-9 dec; Cheshire 209-6 dec and 313-8 (R G Hignest 112) Cheshire win by two vectets: First day of two: Bishop's Stortford: Staffordshire 190-8 dec (C G Felham 54) and 49-1. Herstordshire 188-6 dec (D M Ward 55)

By Barney Spender HOVE (second day of four):

The Pakistanis had only themselves to blame. After some fine bowling during the afternoon, especially from Ali Rizvi, the leg-spinner, Sussex were struggling at 232 for

signs of trickery, however, Greenfield, a robust player with a puzzling record in

years ago as a 19-year-old but only received his cap last year after taking a hundred off the touring Indians. This season he has barely made a run in the championship but has dominated in the one-day game, his 129 against Lancashire earning Sussex a highly unexpected win.

Yesterday, he eked out a workmanlike 50 before pulling and driving his way to his ninth first-class century from a further 59 deliveries. He hit 15 fours before Akhtar's welljudged catch at long-leg ended a ninth wicket partnership of 100 with Khan.

Prior to that, Sussex had stuttered, with Rajesh Rao and Toby Peirce putting on 76 for stone Cops run out saw the end of Peirce. Neil Taylor then crashed 37 from 22 balls. hitting Rizvi for succesive sixes before the leg-spinner outfoxed him with a quicker ball. Kirtley then capitalised on the advantage by removing Ali Naqvi with the first ball of the Pakistani second innings and Edwards disposed of Saleem Elahi.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

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SECOND 10 CHAMPIONER. Record day of three; Durstable, Northamptonshide 484-9 dec and 129-2 (T C Watton 74); Debychre 358-6 dec (G A Khan 114, T tweats 52). Finel day of three: Centarbury; Middleser 255 (K P Dutch 65, N J Long 5-46) and 81 (E J Stanlord 6-18), K em 242 (W J House 75, F W T Key 72, K P Dutch 4-87, UB A Reshid 4-84) and 75-2 Kent will by eight anches. The Over, Survey will by the Work Solimat Gloucestershime 146 (D A Altree 5-45) and 354-4 (N J Trainor 191 not out, D R Hewson 199, Warwickshime 443-9 dec (M A Sheich 116, N V Prabtiu 82, W G Khan 79), Mach chawn Worcester, Essex 344-9 dec and 317-9 (D B D'Ohvera 67) Wordestershime 123-1 dec and 317-9 (D B D'Ohvera 67) Wordestershime 123-1 dec and 317-9 (D B D'Ohvera 67) Wordestershime win by one wicket Final

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and 226-8 Hempschre with by two wickets.
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Saggers 6-43) Durham 191 (J W Hood 4
51) and 172-5 (S Hucon 53) Metch drawn CYCLING

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POOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Monocombo to Dundee 1, Burwell 1 Lecaster Cay 2 Gels 3 Benack 7 Barrow 1 Carlate 2 Cifronvalle 1 Rath 1; Hartlepool 1 Motherwell 1, Accompton 2 Presson 0, Scursthoppe 1 Lincoln City 2, Gloucester 4 Bristol City 1, Killenny 0, Trammer 6, Glenston 1 Burniery 1; St. Albans 0 Leyton Orient 1; Ayr 0 Coventry 3; Crawley Town 0 Port Vale 5, Erifield 1 Tohentram XI 0, Billericay 3 West Harm XI 2; Deal 0 Southerd 1; Bromsgrove 1 Stoke 1; Yeon 2 Bury 1
REYKLAVIK: European youth champlonship; France 3 Instand 2
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STOCKHOLM: European championships: Men: England 15 Sweden 4, Women: England 12 Germany 1

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ELITE LEAGUE: Ipswich 44 Peterborough PREMIER LEAGUE: Sheffield 48 Arena

YOUTH OLYMPICS

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Berger overtaken by age in the generation game

From Rob Hughes at hockenheim

WHAT price experience on the critical competitive edge of Formula One motor racing? Yesterday, dodging torrential rain here, the Schumachers finished first and second after free practice, with Ralf, the younger, steering his Jordan-Peugeot fractionally ahead of Michael's Ferrari and with Gerhard Berger, the old man of the track, touring around in fourteenth position on his return to the seat of his Benetton-Renault after sinus

Official practice today will determine the grid positions for the German Grand Prix tomorrow, a fact readily acknowledged by Raif Schumacher. "Really, it was quite' useless, the first session. I had a spin and then I got the fastest lap, but I was lucky to be out in the one short period when the track was dry." Nevertheless, the 20-year-old baby of the Formula One family handled the 4.23-mile track with enough skill to clock imin 46.196sec, faster than the official lap record.

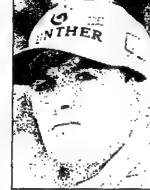
But if it means so little to him, then consider that this is now beyond mid-season. The dangers and pressures are increased because the Formula One teams are already casting one eye to next season. Their designers and technicians are considering the extensive alterations that will

come with new, grooved tyres. Ana. and daughters. Christina and their owners are casting aside experienced drivers for younger, cheaper, possibly more daring and thrusting motorists. Almost daily, one or other of the unsettled drivers

is being courted by opponents.

Berger, who will be 38 next month, already knows that he will not drive many more races for Benetton. His place been allocated to Giancarlo Fisichella, the Jordan driver 15 years his junior, who may come several million pounds cheaper and who has the advantage to an Italian car manufacturer of being Italian-

Why does Berger bother? He admits that there are enough millions in the bank to take care of himself, his wife,



Ralf Schumacher: maturing

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and Sarah. He has driven, before this weekend, 202 grands prix, winning only nine of them; long on experience, short on motivation

He talks of giving it every-thing over the next three races, looking for another motivation and direction", certainly not retiring from the competitive seat that is all he has known for 13 years in Formula One. I6 years in racing cars. And yet there is a sadness, a hollowness, to Berger caused by the death in a light aeroplane crash three weeks ago of his father, his No I lan. "I miss him terribly, I am still trying to come to terms with the empty feeling, but I want to stay in Formula One. I don't want to be a team boss, I'm not worried about money and for the moment I have races in

which to perform." He cannot drive much better here than he did last year when, leading with two laps to go, his Benetton failed him. With all that experience and money in the bank, fate and the staying power of engines on a track that takes cars rather than drivers to their limits, can take matters out of the driver's hands.

Even in such circumstances. some teams do not help the driver's peace of mind. At Williams, the team whose omnipotence is being pressurised, at last, by resur gent Ferrari, Heinz-Harald Frentzen, the German who replaced Damon Hill this season, has pinpointed "a generation gap" between himself and Patrick Head, the

team's technical director. Two weeks ago. Silverstone, Frentzen exasperated his employers first by stalling on the grid, then crashing on lap one. "Contrary to people's expectations," Head said vesterday, "Heinz-Harald has not been invited to the factory for a whipping. What happened at Silverstone



Berger, who has driven in more than 200 grands prix, confirmed yesterday that he will not be with Benetton next year

However, Frentzen is under pressure here similar, and worse, to that of Hill at Silverstone. Not only is this Frentzen's home grand prix but, unlike Hill, he is in a vehicle that ought to put him in with a podium chance. And in some of the soul-searching by the 30-year-old German, he identified the difficulty that older technicians have in relating to younger drivers' setups. "A generation gap do you mean?" Head said, raising an are inexperienced, and there is eyebrow. "Well, for sure it is someone who can tell you

do have race engineers and technicians at Williams close to the drivers' age. It is a problem of life, not restricted

to motor racing. Sitting close by, the younger Schumacher put an old head on young shoulders, "For sure, there is a difference when you are young and someone is older, but I have no difficulty in relating to my father. I even find it helpful having an older brother. If you more difficult to relate, but we something, the age difference

should not make it difficult to listen, not in my case."

To conclude the mild acrimony in the Williams kitchen, Head stated yesterday that he was positive and confident that "if we get the best out of our equipment, we can take the fight to Michael [Schumacher] in particular, Ferrari in general". He denied that he had suggested that Ferrari were "cheating" in making swift use of electronic

Miks Hakkinen and David Coulthard, are making swift attempts to follow Ferrari's lead. Meanwhile, Head insists: "I don't consider we will make any change to our two drivers for next season. Both are under contract, Heinz-Harald has a two-year contract, and we've taken up the

Williams and Mercedes, who

power the McLaren cars of

for next season as well." relaxation of the Formula One ruling in mid-season. Indeed,

option on Jacques Villeneuve

RUGBY UNION

Leota adds to Wasps' front-row options

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

WASPS have strengthened their squad for the defence of their league title by signing Trevor Leota, the Western Samoa hooker. Leota, 21, recently won his first full cap against Tonga and impressed Nigel Melville, the Wasps director of rugby, when he toured Britain last year.

"We saw Trevor play in England and Scotland and watched his progress back home and in New Zealand. where he lives." Melville said yesterday. "He is a very good, ambitious player and should be here in a month ready to fight for a Wasps place."

Leota will compete with Simon Mitchell and Dugald Macer for the principal hook-ing spot at Loftus Road, now that Kevin Dunn has departed for Bristol. Melville has also persuaded Dinos Alexopoulos. 19, a prop forward and former Millfield schoolboy, to move across London from Harlequins.

Wasps have already added Mark Weedon, the New Zealand second row, and Simon Shaw, the England lock, to their complement of forwards this summer and, with the Scotland pair of Andy Reed and Damian Cronin still at the club, the competition for places in the front five will be

☐ John Hart, the New Zealand coach, said yesterday that Sean Fitzpatrick, the captain, has only a 50 per cent chance of being fit to lead the All Blacks in their Bledisloe Cup match against Australia in Melbourne today. The hooker will have a late fitness test on the knee injury that he aggravated during the 35-32 victory over South Africa at Ellis Park, Johannesburg, last

"Clearly there is still a bit of a problem," Hart said. If Fitzpatrick is ruled out, Norm Hewitt will take over as hooker, with Zinzan Brooke assuming the captaincy. AUSTRALIA: M Burks, B Tune, J Little, Holbeck, J Rolf, T Horan, G Gregar, Heath, M Foley, R Hany, D Manu, Morgan, J Eales (captain), B Robinson, Brist

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ROWING

Britain pin hopes on medal collection

By MIKE ROSEWELL

GREAT Britain have 16 crews racing in Milan this weekend in the Nations Cup, the world under-23 championships. Britain have shown a strong pedigree in recent years in the age group, coming home last year with a gold, two silver and two bronze medals, and the team this year is again an experienced one.

The ten-crew men's team includes the quadruple scull of Simon Cottle, Mark Hammond, Tom Gale and Mark Hunter, who reached the Henley final and caused a significant upset by racing past their British senior counterparts in their first Royal Regatta

An extra carrot for the younger crews to do well is the fact that the selectors have not yet named the senior quad for the world champ-

Among the six women's crews, the Kingston double scull of Claire Fox and Vicky Fangen has plenty of experience and the two scullers, the heavyweight Elise Laverick and the lightweight Sarah Watts, have already been "blooded" at this level, achieving a bronze and a fourth place respectively last year.

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GREAT BRITAIN TEAM: Mon: Quad scult. S Cottle (Oxford University). M Harmond (Nots County), T Gale (Queen's Tower), M Harmond (Learder). T Kingswell (Porter) Single scult. S Goodbrand (Rub Roy) Codess per: E Coold (Newcastle University). S Trepmen (Nots County) Codess four. T Carson, D Marett, S Wilsens, F Scartett (all Oxford Brooked, Coard lour. D Hatchiss, S Felchouse, D Wight, J Edwards (an London Jaroursity), R Dougles (Oxford Brookee) Bight: N Sargant, Imporeal College), A Large (Queen's Towert, E Cool, (Impens) College), T Busy (Impens) College), T Busy (Impens) College), T Busy (Impens) College), A Large (Queen's Towert, E Cool, (Impens) College), T Busy (Impens) College), A Large (Queen's Towert, E Cool, (Impens) College), I Busy (Indexeg), S Steele (Michael), T Middleton (Downing College), I Lightweight (and south G leeting (London University), R Adarvs (London University), S Lee (Wellom), T Middleton (Downing College) Ughtweight (Codes Four A Tucker, M Lousards, G Davis pill Nicts County), G Cundel (Oxford Brookes)

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Ear-splitting chunk of history at unholy price

ities broker has secured the bargain of his life, the ultimate piece of sporting memo-rabilia, for just a trifle more than \$18,000 (about £10,900). Yes, Pere Stevens, 30, is now the proud owner of a chunk of Evander Holyfield's ear. Stevens bought the priceless object from an MGM sec-urity guard, who, he believes; stole it from Holyfield's dressing-room during the chaos after the World Boxing Association (WBA) heavy-weight title fight against Mike Tyson last month.

Stevens plans to preserve this delightful sporting relic in formaldehyde. A surgeon has confirmed that the bit of gristle appears to match the bit of hole in the post-fight photographs of Holyfield. "I know some people think I'm pretty sick." Stevens said perceptively. "But everybody collects baseball cards and

Penalty glut

The penalty shoot-out, which forever will be remembered as the device that destroyed tournament football, reached new levels of absurdity in a season-opener in South Afri-ca. After both semi-finals, Kaizer Chiefs v Sundowns and Orlando Pirates v Moroka Swallows, had been settled by penalties, the Pirates and the Chiefs fought out a 0-0 draw. It took 30 penalties before the sides could be separated, the Pirates finally winning 10-9.

Fugitive coach





On Saturday -

no points and have conceded 15 goals.

Radar fastball

And now a delightful new bit of sporting gimmickry: a baseball that knows how fast it has been thrown. Rawling Sporting Goods hopes to have the Radar Ball on the market in the new year. It is a baseball that incorporates a small digital displays To-make it work properly, you must throw it to a catcher placed at the correct base-balling distance of 60ft 6in. A device measures the time elapsed between release and catch and converts that into miles per hour. The toy is a snip at something less than \$40 (about £24) — compared with \$1,000 (about £605) for a radar speed gun. You're not supposed to hit it with a bat,

Basebal Speed Police.
Do you realise what speed this ball was daing?

The coach of a Ukrainian premier league football club has done a Lord Lucan. Yuri Pohrebnya, of Metalurg Mariupol, vanished after allegedly leading a mob in an assault on a referee and a linesman. He has been banned from football for life, is wanted by the police and has disappeared. Special police units were dispatched to Luhansk after reports of Pohrebnya sightings, but they failed to find their man. The alleged beating took place after Mariupol lost 5-2

After three games, they have



No handicap Miami Dolphins have just hired Doug Blevins, 33, as

from wild pitches and fast balls. Any chance of bring-

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for its hang time (not to

mention its encrustations of

ice), up to about 10mph.

work with the kickers. Blevins has cerebral palsy and has never walked. He has previously worked with New England Patriots and New York Jets and is kicking co-ordinator of the World

Funny man

Before we can ask such crucial questions as "can we not knock it?", I learn more about the charmingly incomprehensible ways of Graham Taylor, the former England football manager. He picked Gary Parkins, the former editor of Watford's now-deeditor of Watford's now-defunct familia, Mud. Swedt and Tears, to play the final is minutes of a pre-season friendly at Fakenham. "He said, if he could come on for the last five minutes is a side." the last five minutes, he could die happy," Taylor ex-plained. "It appealed to my sense of humour." Perhaps that explains why Alan Smith came on as substitute for Gary Lineker and many other such strange events of the Taylor years.

Ascot in tune

After all the chunder-making attempts to bring rocknyoll to cricket, Ascot racecourse gets in on the act. Next-Friday, there will be a band strutting its stuff after the evening meeting's six races. The Royal College of Music Ascot Orchestra will play "classical favourites and other popular tunes", Don't want to go too highbrow with

Shane Warne Fizzometer

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horse-people, now, do you?" ☐ The Nicolas Feuillatte

TENNIS: WARWICKSHIRE LAND INTER-COUNTY CUP AFTER HOLDERS FAIL TO MEET FINAL CHALLENGE

Shrewd switch of partners nets title

arwickshire completed a remarkable tri-umph in the women's inter-county cup yes-terday after Essex, the favourites, could not contain an inspired Middlesex VI at Eastboorne. The defending champions thus succumbed to their first group one defeat in five years, allowing Warwick-shire to celebrate their first victory in this competition

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Warwickshire's 8-1 dismissof relegated Leicestershire meant that they matched Essex with four victories from five matches. However, a superior rubber count swayed the verdict in their favour. It was no less than they deserved. Under the astate and enthusiastic captaincy of Sally Jones, the team improved their performance throughout the week. In the process they negated their opening-day defeat by Essex, and may well have mastered that county had the match been played later in

Jones attributed Warwickshire's slow start to a lack of opportunity to properly assess Moore's parents aspired to greater heights when, ten years ago, they sold the family silver to send their daughter to Nick Bollettier's academy in Florida, Moore, then 12, has since remained in the United States until she returned to play county week for the first time. Although she started in harness with Tamsin Wainwright, Jones allied her with Leyla Ogan after the first day to telling effect. The new partnership won all 12 of their

Initially Jones disturbed Warwickshire's leading pair of Wainwright and Katie Shaw to accommodate Moore.
"After the first day it was

obvious neither of the two new pairings were working." Jones said, "so we put Joanne with Leyla and they hit it off with each other from the start. It was quite a gamble bringing Joanne back from America. She only came here four days before: she is really a clay-court player but her results speak for themselves."

In the years to come Wainwright, in particular, will remember this victory with a sense of symmetry. Her moth-



At County Tennis Week

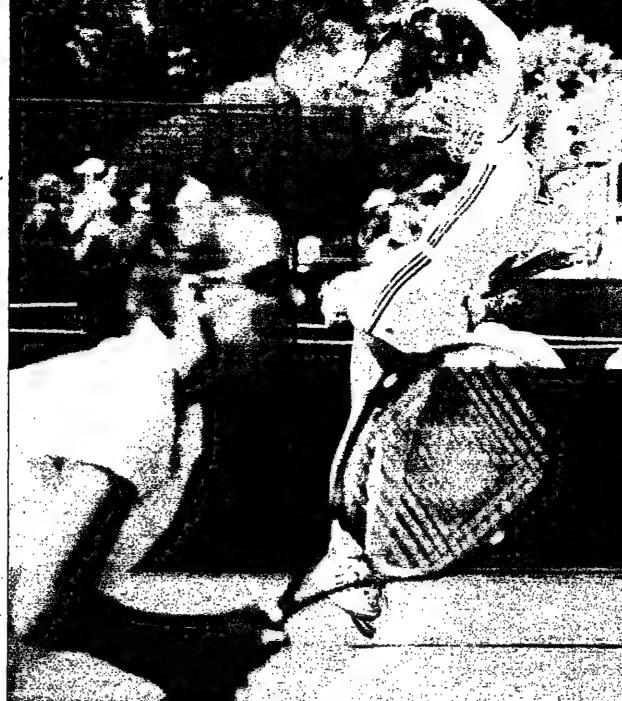
side 30 years ago — as was Ann Jones, the Wimbledon champion. From Warwickshire's perspective, the crucial rubber of the week was that between Jane Wood and Susheel Gulati, of Middlesex, who bettered Claire Ham-mond and Zoe Mellis, of Essex, in a 2½-hour marathon.

It could have gone either way: the Middlesex pair reached 3-1 but trailed 3-5 before reeling off the next four games to claim the match 6-7. 6-4. 7-5. That stretched Middlesex's advantage to four rubbers to two, leaving the holders facing a mountain to climb in the concluding three rubbers. In the end they faltered at second base, Hammond and Mellis - doubtless drained after their earlier narrow defeat — succumbing to Jo Ward and Francis Hearn, 2-6,

Middlesex will be ruing their 5-4 loss to South Wales on Tuesday - although they were comfortably beaten by the eventual winners on Thursday.

It made for an exciting climax to the competition, with Warwickshire, boasting an excellent team spirit, deserving the plaudits at the end of a gruelling week. Jones made an issue of positive body language, fining her charges 50 pence for every thrown racket. However, her side's spirit was such that Jones will not have got rich on the takings.

With Hampshire having se-cured the men's competition



Action from Eastbourne yesterday, with players from Middlesex deep in concentration. Photograph: Gill Allen

on Thursday, the spectre of relegation hung heavily over Yorkshire. Buckinghamshire and Surrey, the defending champions. Surrey were the first to capitulate, losing 6-3 to

Hampshire — and Yorkshire joined them despite defeating Devon 6-3. This was due to a spirited rally from Buckinghamshire, who were without a win after three days. They

ended the sequence on Thursday, beating Surrey, and com-pleted their escape act by edging out Berkshire yesterday. Meanwhile, Kent and

played at Southsea. Yorkshire's women failed to beat the cut.

CYCLING

Voskamp ruled out when push comes to shove

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE IN DUON

ed into farce here yesterday when the linish of the nineteenth stage was decided by a four-man race jury after a weary and ill-tempered sprint between Jens Heppner, of Germany, and Bart Voskanip, of Holland.

Voskamp, who was first to ross the line, and Heppner, of the Telekom team of Jan Ullrich, the race leader, were declassified after a clumsy but hair-raising shoving match.

The jury of four awarded the win to Mario Traversoni, of Italy, who crossed the line in third place, half a minute behind Voskamp. Even then, the result took a

further hour and a half to be confirmed and contained another surprise. Behind closed doors, the jury studied Voskamp's appeal against the declassification - the third of a Tour stage-winner in 14 days of racing - which was thought to be supported by the race director. Jean-Marie

But, as the riders boarded a train for Paris, it was announced that the result stood, and that Voskamp's TVM team-mate, Peter Van Petegem, was also declassified for his riding in the sprint for third place, won by

Voskamp and Heppner had slipped clear from an early breakaway of 14 riders as the race crossed into the Côte d'Or region of Bourgogne on the 172-kilometre leg to Dijon. With a half-minute lead on

their erstwhile companions as they sped into the final kilometre, it was clear that the stage victory would be fought out between them. But both riders lack experience of sprinting and it was a panicking Voskamp who jumped for the line first, with Heppner struggling to follow.

Then as the slightly uphill

finish told, and the Dutchman

began to slow, Heppner came

alongside his shoulder and the

pair made contact. With

two tries, after a dropped ball

by Pickavance, a recurring

theme in a dismal display.

Within the first 15 minutes.

Eru, again with the first of two

tries, and Ngamu had left St

Bens and Ngamu scored

from penalties for offside and

the place-kicking of Ridge, who landed (1 of 13 attempts,

Helens hopelessly adrift.

Voskamp leaning into the German. Heppner acrobatically used his head to push back into the 28-year-old as the front of his bike came perilously close to sliding from underneath him. It was enough to slow down Voskamp, but with Heppner still pushing into him, the Dutchman edged ahead to cross the line first.

Traversoni, 25, was surprised to find that he had won his first stage in the Tour de France, "I can't say that this feels the same as winning the usual way, with your arms in the air, ahead of the whole field," he said. "But in a few years' time all people will



went into the Tour record books."

Voskamp was nonplussed. "It's crazy," he said. "I deviate two centimetres from my line and they disqualify me. After the finish, I was sure I'd won. it's unbelievable. There are four commissaires who turned the Tour into a joke. I'm going to talk to the other riders about protesting against this."

Meanwhile, Ullrich, Germany, is now assured of victory and today's long time trial at Disneyland-Paris is unlikely to see him concede time to second-placed Richard Virengue, of France.

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FOOTBALL

Ferdinand deal helps to lift gloom for Francis

By Brian Glanville and David Maddock

GERRY FRANCIS, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, is "quietly confident" of signing Les Ferdinand from Newcastle United for £6 million on a four-year contract tomorrow. He will then fly abroad, pursuing his quest for at least two more new players. "I'd possibly like to find this Hawaiian inside forward -I'd watch him for a year," he joked at the Tottenham train-

ing ground yesterday.
The prospect of a reunion with Ferdinand, with whom he worked so well at Oueens Park Rangers, has obviously cheered Francis. Kenny Dalglish, the Newcastle manager, may well be left reflecting, however, on the fact that the North East club's flotation plans have forced him to split up the most potent strike force in the FA Carling Premiership

Dalglish said: "I suppose

financial decision than a footballing one. It was good business for the plc and that is an important factor. From my own point of view, I would be delighted if Les goes down to Spurs, talks to them, and then comes back to us to say that he wants to stay with us. The club would be delighted if he wants to stay as well."

Ferdinand, though, was



you could say it is more a Ferdinand: E6m fee agreed

Kendall encounters stern opposition

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

have a clearer understanding of the task facing him at Everton when he begins his third spell in charge of the Merseyside club as they host the Umbro Tournament this Everton meet Ajax today

after Newcastle United take on the FA Cup winners. Chelsea, in the opening game of the competition. The winners of both games meet in the final tomorrow after a thirdfourth place play-off and the two matches will provide Kendall with the ideal opportunity to gauge his squad

against top-class opposition. The Everton manager said: competition couldn't be any stronger. In fact, it's probably one of the strongest preseason tournaments there has been in this country.

ers, but having said that we still want to do well. People will have to understand that

HOWARD KENDALL will days, and I think the other managers involved will be doing exactly the same." Kendall's squad includes the England full back, Andy

Hinchcliffe, who could make his first appearance since suffering a cruciate ligament injury last December. Ajax are also rebuilding under Morten Olsen, newly

installed as coach after Luis van Gaal's defection to Barcelma The Dutch side reached the semi-finals of the Champions' League last season, but their bome dominance slipped and they finished fourth behind

champions PSV Eindhoven. Olsen has already made a "In terms of opposition, the clutch of new signings, inciuding Danish compatriot Michael Laudrup from Japanese club, Vissel Kobe.

Chelsea have ruled out no fewer than nine of their squad "It's going to be a case of __ including the newcomers, using the full squad of play— Celestine Babayaro and Bernard Lambourde - but their manager, Rund Gullit, said that he may make a return to there are two games in two action this weekend.

already resigned to leaving the North East and said: "I just wish Newcastle all the best for the coming season. They have been good to me during my time on Tyneside and I can honestly say I've had a great time up here. I don't feel guilty, but I do feel saddened about leaving, because the fans have been superb. I am trying to understand the move from the point of view of the plc. It is no longer Newcastle United Football Club, it is Newcastle United plc, and that had a lot to do

with lt." Francis regards as "harsh" the recent criticism, from what he regards as a minority of otherwise fervent Tottenham supporters, that stars would not join the club and he clearly hopes that Ferdinand will be the jewel in the crown. The forward will be linking

up again with David Ginola. Tottenham's other recent acquisition from St James' Park. They impressed me. They had a very good understanding and were instrumental in Newcastle nearly winning the title," Francis said.

Newcastle, meanwhile, completed the £43 million transfer of Alessandro Pistone, the Internazionale defender, who signed a four-year contract yesterday. Celtic followed the £2.5 mil-

lion signing of Craig Burley from Chelsea yesterday by welcoming Henrik Larsson, the Sweden striker, to Celtic Park, Larsson, 25, is believed to have cost £650,000 after a Dutch court ruled in his favour and allowed him to leave Feyenoord for a limited transfer fee. He has signed a three-year contract.

Brian Deane is expected to rejoin Sheffield United next week after they agreed an undisclosed fee, thought to be around El million, with Leeds United, while José María Bakero, the former Barcelona and Spain captain, was told yesterday that he will not be given a contract at Middlesbrough after his three-week mial there. Bakero, 33, played and scored in three games, but Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, said: "He is an attacking midfield player and that's not the type we'relooking for."

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RUGBY LEAGUE: AUCKLAND RUN IN 12 TRIES TO BELIE THEIR DOMESTIC FORM

St Helens left to hail Warriors' pace

Auckland Warriors 70 St Helens

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

AUCKLAND Warriors entered the world club championship with apparently fewer credentials than St Helens. Their mockery of the European champions yesterday has put them in pole position for a home quarter-final and may deny St Helens a place in the knockout stages. It was Auckland's second

stylish rout in six days, even

exploits for the British Isles in

South Africa, John Bentley

swaps codes on his return

tomorrow to the Halifax Blue

Sox side for the visit of

Canberra Raiders in the world

club championship (Christo-

Bentley's first game of rug-

by league for II months will

provide a fearsome reintro-

duction. Halifax were beaten

70-6 in the first match and

Canberra will be anxious to

atone for their surprise defeat

pher Irvine writes).

50-point margin by which they beat Bradford Bulls. In contrast to their battling defeat on Monday at Cronulla. the English outfit offered piti-fully little resistance to the dozen tries trotted in by the bottom-placed Australasian Super League side.

on Monday at London

Two training sessions repre-

sent scant preparation, "I haven't played league since

last August, but it's a far easier

game to adapt to, coming from

rugby union rather than the

other way. So I don't antici-

pate problems," the wing said.

the summer to Halifax, but

released for the Lions tour and

to play for England in the one-

off international in Australia a

fortnight ago. He is due to coach.

Bentley was contracted for

Far from having learnt from the home-leg defeat last month, St Helens looked to have gone backwards, which angered Shaun McRae, their coach. "It's games like that" that make you think why you're in the profession," McRae said. "I'm embarrassed, the club's embar-

Broncos.

rassed. Saints are a better side than that, but people will remember what happened tonight and it will take a lot of soul-searching to try and get OVET IL Auckland have nothing to gain domestically and, now

rassed, the players are embar-

that the world championship final, on October 18, has been switched to their ground, they are intent on making a reputation. Their points record was broken for a third successive match, undoing St Helens with their pace and potency.

next month. Bentley scored 22

tries in 21 appearances last

London meet Brisbane

Broncos at the Stoop memori-

al ground tomorrow night in

buoyant mood after their 38-18

defeat of Canberra, the biggest

achievement in the club's

short history. Moreover, they

have agreed a new two-year

deal with Tony Currie, their

added to the punishment. A try by Hunte at the start of the second half only provided an interruption, as Oudenryn scored one of two tries in ten The deluge for St Helens minutes. The damage was completed by the electrifying

finishing of Jones, Ellis and Bentley faces Raiders' might Ngamu, with his third. Warrington are unlikely to win at Cronulla today, but if they can restrict the margin of rejoin Newcastle, his union defeat, they would be bestplaced to qualify for the quarclub, when the Stones Super League finishes at the end of ter-final domestic play-off

place in European Pool A. SCORERS: Auckland: Tries: Noamu (3), Eru (2), Hopos (2), Oudernyn (2), Betts, Ells., Jones: Goells: Ridge (11), St Helens: Try: Huntis Goal: Goulding. AUCKLAND WARRIORS: M Ridge: S Hoppe, A Swann, S Endacoti, I. Oudenyn. G Ngamu, S Jones: S Malarn, S Eru, J Vagane, S Keamey D Betts, E Swann Sufisitures: M Horo, M Ells, El Henerc, A Gustenber: M

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Bradford, Strewsbury v Northampton, Stramas v Rathr Swedon v Totlerham Horsper, West Bonauch Albon v Black-burn Mothensell v Aston Vata. RUGBY LEAGUE

Cronulla v Warrington (10.30am) RUGBY UNION Rory Underwood celebration International XV 84-97 v French XV 84-94 (2 15) ... Lexcester v British Isles Inv XV (4 0) (both at Lexcester)

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Kick-off 3.0 unless stated Umbro international tournament (4.0)(both at Goodson Park) OTHER SPORT

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GOLF

Pack led by Ratcliffe as Barnes bows out

By PATRICIA DAVIES

NOEL RATCLIFFE, known as The Rat, even to his friends, was leading the pack after the second round of the Senior British Open at Royal Portrush yesterday, but Brian Barnes, the defending champion, was forced to abandon ship after struggling to complete the course.

Barnes had to have a tetanus injection on Thursday night when it was discovered that he was allergic to the strapping on his injured left knee, and when the bandage was removed the danger of infection added to his problems.

The big Anglo-Scot did well to stagger round in 75 for a total of 146, but, in trying to favour his knee, he started feeling pain in his right hip and was advised to withdraw and recuperate properly.

Ratcliffe, a lean Australian who has won two of his past three tournaments, equalled the championship record with a round of 65, seven under par, that was packed with nine birdies. His total of 135, nine under, left him three shots ahead of the South African duo of John Bland and Garv Player.

One of the best rounds of a changeable day was a 68 by Brian Waites, one of the early starters who got the worst of the weather, including torrential rain. "The last six holes were a nightmare," Waites, who played them in level par. said.

The most erratic round was the 74 by Liam Higgins, of Ireland. Five under par for the championship after an eagle three at the ninth, he dropped two shots at the short 11th and took a nine, which included three penalty shots, at the next, a 389-yard par-four. Undaunted, Higgins had a birdie two at the 14th and an eagle

two at the 17th.

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MOTOR RACING 46

Berger finally gives way to the boy racers

SPORT -

TENNIS 47 Warwickshire take county title as Essex lose grip



SATURDAY JULY 26 1997

England's fielding lapses hand initiative to Australia on dramatic day at Headingley

Elliott thrives in game of chance

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

HEADINGLEY (second day of five): Australia, with six first-innings wickets in hand. are 86 runs ahead of England

THERE were two defining moments on a spectacular, sun-biessed day at Headingley and both went against England. The cumulative effect on them was devastating, potentially far more than their prospects can

In mid-morning, with Australia beginning to fret. Michael Atherton, the rock of England, was out to a top-edged book. The stroke and its timing will haunt him, for within 47 minutes the remaining five wickets had fallen for u miserable 18 runs. Jason Gillespie, bowling as if in a dream, had taken seven for 37. All was not yet lost for

Darren Gough, charging in with a venom to drive his home crowd to delirium. sliced the top off the Australia innings. England, however, had no margin for error and when Graham Thorpe spilt a regulation slip catch in Mike Smith's third over in Test cricket, this oscillating game took its most definite turn.

The beneficiary was Matthew Elliott, who had scored 29. As Steve Waugh fell to the next ball. Australia could and should have been 50 for five in response to 172. Instead, the reprieved Ellion made his second century of the series. Ricky Ponting marked his comeback with a glittering 86 not out and Australia moved ahead without further loss. By the close, Ellion and Ponting had put on 208 and were scoring runs at will against bowling that had run dry of ideas and conviction.

Astonishingly, II wickets fell in the first half of the day and none in the second. The dichotomy can partly be ex-plained by conditions, for the pitch, though its bounce was less than true, had dried and

ENGLAND: First Innings

M A Butcher c Blewett b Relifel 24 (61mm, 57 bals, 2 lours)
"M A Atherton c Gillespie b McGrath41 (225mm, 143 bals, 6 lours)
A J Stewart c Blewett b Gillespie 7 (27mm, 24 bals)
N Hussain c Taylor b McGrath 26 (55mm, 40 bals, 4 lours)

(S6min 40 balls 4 lours D W Headley c S R Waugh b Gitlespie

b Gillespie 19mn, 32 balls, 2 foursi G P Thorpe b Gillespie

A M Smith b Gillespie (2mm 2 palls)

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80WLING, McGrath 22-5-67-2 into 3 w 1 9 fours 7-0-25-0 10-3-38-1 5-3-4-1) Reffel 20-4-41-1 into 9 2 fours 6-1-10-0 7-1-13-1, 7-2-10-0), Gillespie 13-4-1-37-7 into 1 4 fours 6-0-14-1 7 4-1-3-6; Blewett 3-0-17-0 (3 fours one seef), Warne 1-0-2-0

SCORING NOTES: Third day: Lunch:

Total (59 4 overs, 270m/n)

paled under warm sunshine and the ball not only ceased to move off the seam but begrudged any semblance of wing for Smith. But it was also symptomatic of one team cashing in on its luck, while the other bemoaned its

carelessness. Some of England's cricket was very careless, especially within the mad minutes that exemplified their dependence on the captain. So long as Atherton was present, England could aspire to a total of 350 and control of the match. Once he was gone, they were plainly struggling to reach 200 and facing a scrap for

This did not sit logically with the opening 40 minutes, during which Dean Headley so enjoyed his nightwatchman brief that he had begun to look like a proper batsman. He had

Lynne Truss Kent edge through .. Essex in control. County scoreboards

made 22, out of 32 added, when he launched something overambitious at Gillespie's first ball of the morning. Steve Waugh clutched the overhead catch at guily.

Here was the ultimate case of a bowler beginning as he meant to continue. Gillespie, continuing unchanged from the Kirkstall Lane End, was a constant menace, his line impeccable and his ability to move the ball away from the right-handers compelling. In 47 balls, he took six wickets for 23 and the figures did not

contrast, Glenn McGrath was a shadow of his usual self. He is not the first seam bowler to be disorientated by the confours of Headingley's approaches and had just bowled five wayward balls to Atherton when he

M E Waugh c and b Headley (30mm, 18 balls, 1 lour) S R Waugh c Crawley b Headley (15min, 12 balls)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0 (Ellioti 0), 2-16 (Ellioti 12), 3-43 (Ellioti 27), 4-50 (Ellioti

SCOREBOARD FROM HEADINGLEY move and the pressure is off. AUSTRALIA: First frinings "M A Taylor o Stawart b Gough ... 0 (10min, 11 balls) M T G Elliott not out ... 134 (275min, 233 balls, 3 sbec, 17 lours) G S Biewett o Stewart b Gough ... (15min, 8 balls)

to Headley with the total at 43, the crowd was on its feet, belief seeping back. (15min, 12 balls)

R T Ponting not out 88
(201min, 142 balls, 1 sp., 11 lours)
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Total (4 wits, 67 overs, 275min) 258
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SCORING NOTES: Third day: Tea:
114-4 (3) overs, 129min Eliott 66.
Putting 25)
Umpres: M J Mitchen and C J Mitchley
'South African Third umpre; R Julian
Match referee; CW Smith (West Indee)
SERIES DETAILS: First (Edgbaston)
SERIES DETAILS: First (Edgbaston) the next for four. He was missed twice more, once by Atherton at gully on 63 and then, in the penultimate over of England's hangdog eve-England won by nine wockets Second (Lord s) matter drawn. Third (Old Trahtort) Australia won by 268 runs To come. Fifth (Trent Bindge) August 7-11. Soith (The Oral). August 21-25.

of lasting sigbouncer

Atherton has acquired ample runs by pulling and hooking down the years, but this shot was misapplied. Gillespie did not need to move at fine leg to take a gentle catch and, exceptionally though Atherton had played for almost four hours, he will count it as a lost opportunity.

However, he could not have imagined what was to follow. Nobody could. Indeed, when the innings ended, six minutes before the scheduled lunch interval, there was an air of bewilderment around the ground. Atherton's departure devolved senior responsibilities upon Thorpe. One would not have known it. True, he had pulled two short balls from Gillesple for four, but his compulsion for the shot sometimes distorts his judgment. An attempted repeat was casual, the ball cramping him, and

Gillespie took all the last five wickets to fall and if that of John Crawley was the most important it was also the most fortuitous. Gillespie had Greg Blewett to thank for staying low and still at short leg as Crawley turned the ball firmly towards him. The luck came from the shot cannoning off Blewett's toe: the skill was in the fielder grabbing it.
It did not take Gillespie long

he chopped onto off stump.

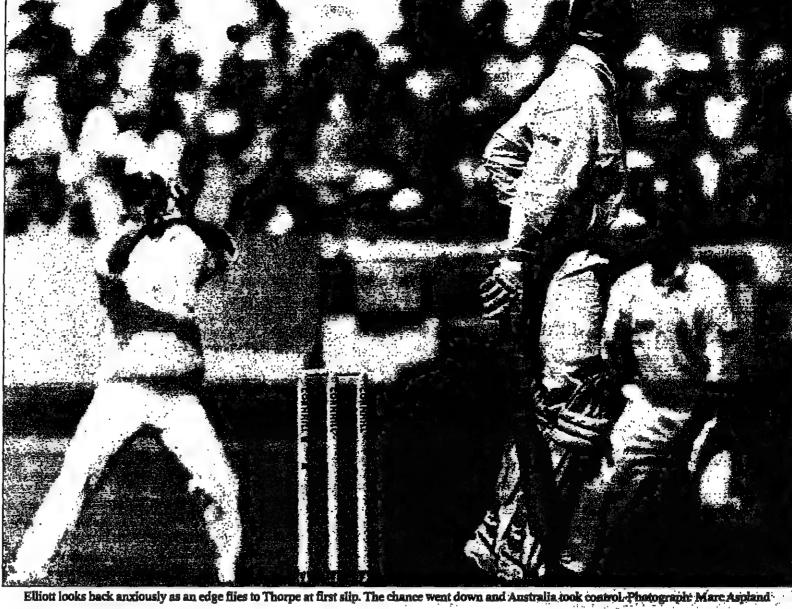
to work over Robert Croft, yet again turning a lifting ball to the shrewdly set leg gully, and the gladiatorial welcome for Gough the batsman was about as merited as usual. He lasted two balls, the same duration as Smith's debut

England needed to strike back fast and did so. Gough having Mark Taylor caught off his glove as he ducked a bouncer. Taylor has made four runs in his past four Test innings and has only one score exceeding 50 - his Edgbaston century - in 26. Now, though, he is in charge of a team on the

Blewett drove at a ball from Gough he might judiciously have left alone, the ninth wicket to fall in 100 minutes of cricket, and when Mark Waugh pushed a return catch

Steve Waugh was taken at short leg, his first Test dismissal on this ground. Elliott. however, ensured that there

ning, by Smith at long leg. If Smith felt remorse, he had equal reason to feel his day. and England's, could have ended very differently.



Gillespie remains an unknown quantity

BY SIMON WILDE

EXACTLY who is Jason Gillespie? That is the question which the England players were privately asking themselves after they had felt the heat of another of his "hot streaks" yesterday. It was Glilespie, remember, who triggered their second-innings collapse at Old Trafford, when he claimed the

wickets of Atherton, Hussain and Butcher in the space of 20 minutes.

Whoever he is, he bowis fast and very well. In taking six wickets in the space of 47 balls yesterday morning he reaped the sort of havoc of which every fast bowler dreams but few achieve at Test level. Spurred by claiming the wicket of Headley, the nightwatchman, with his first ball of the day, he upped his pace and finished with the best figures achieved for Aus-

tralia at Headingley. Before yesterday, the bestknown thing about Gillespie was his spectacular unwillingness to communicate. He rarely gives interviews and even those who spend time close to him have failed to melt the ice. "He's either very simple or very complex," an

Australian journalist, who is following the tour, said. We've never managed to find

On the greatest day of his short career, the press conference last night went on without him. "Unfortunately, Jason is a very shy person, Geoff Marsh, the Australia coach, said. "Obviously he had a smile on his face when he came in. He loves playing cricket but that is about it. But he is a young boy and perhaps when he is more experienced we will get him to come along and talk." Perhaps.



Gillespie: independent

enough to keep body and soul together. He also had to fight a

destructive hook and spent

hours disciplining himself to

hit the ball with a controlled

fade - the complete opposite

is the sort of magnetic pull the

man had.

of his natural tendency

Gillespie's other features are a strange haircut and a liking - increasingly common among international bowlers - for wearing earrings. When he was called up at the World Cup last year as replacement for Craig

McDermott he sported a

pozy-tail. A man with an independent streak then, content in his own world and feeling little need to share it with others: classic fast bowler material. Colin Croft, the Guyanan, was bewn from similar rock and he freaked out a few batsmen in his time, proving that the weirder you are, the more worried the man at the

other end is likely to become. Thorpe was roused to take on Gillespie, twice whipping short balls through midwicket, but, in attempting to repeat the stroke to a delivery of fuller length, had his stumps smashed. It was a brief and enthralling duel, and one Thorpe lost. Perhaps he was still thinking about it when he stood at slip and dropped Elliott. One of the strangest things about Gilles-pie is that he lives in Adelaide. This is perhaps the pleasant-est, and sleepiest, city in Australia. It is the place to

which Sir Donald Bradman fied 60 years ago to find peace from the backbiting in New South Wales cricket and he has lived there ever since. It is a place youngsters leave at the first opportunity - except for Gillesple, who is 22 - his girlfriend and their children.

our and Sapphire. Adelaide Oval is one of the last places on which a fast bowler would want to make his way in the world, save for the fact that the cricket academy, which Gillespie attended. is also based in the city. ... Historically, most of South Australia's best cricketers have been batsmen or slow bowlers. The only top-class modern fast bowler the state has produced is Rodney Hogg. whose Test career was brilliant but short. Gillespie, .. who first broke into the Australia Test side nine months ago, promises to last a little longer at the top. Dennis Lillee believes Gillespie has the ability to go on and take more than 200 Test wickets. If he does, by then the world should know a little more about him.

Hogan's relentless practice earned him nine major titles

Hogan revered as major force

BEN HOGAN, who died yesterday at the age of 84, was one of those rare men held in awe by his peers, not just because of his golfing achievements. but because of the aura of mystery that surrounded him in his later, increasingly reclu-

It is rare to come across a photograph of Hogan, the Texan who turned practising into the sine aua non of success and made Calvin Coolidge sound loquacious, with a smile on his face. They do exist, but the public persona was usually stern and serious. The Scots called him "the wee ice mon" when he won the Open Championship at Carnousile at his first and only attempt, in 1953, the year in which he also won the Masters and the US Open.

There was no chance of the grand slam because, in those days of more leisurely travelling. Hogan could not return from Scotland in time for the US PGA Championship. In any case, it was unlikely that his battered legs, injured in the car crash that nearly killed him and his wife, Valerie, in 1949, would have coped with

the daily two rounds of matchplay that the championship demanded then.

That Open Championship was the last major title that Hogan won and his competitive edge was eventually blunted by the putting yips. His dedication and determination. though, were legendary and he was a hero to golfers everywhere. Gary Player, the South African who matched the American's tally of nine major championship victories and is one of the quartet of men - Hogan, Gene Sarazen

and Jack Nicklaus are the others - to have won all four major championships, said: "I played with Mr Hogan in my first US Open ever in 1958. He was a man of very, very few words and after we'd played the first 36 holes together, 1 was sitting in the locker-room when I felt a tap on my

shoulder. "It was Mr Hogan. They

A few years ago, Nick Faldo. another obsessive seeker after perfection, was granted an audience with Hogan in Fort Worth and Bob Torrance. father and coach of Sam. was similarly honoured. They were entranced, but neither Faldo nor Torrance senior has yet publicly revealed any of the master's revelations. That

Other players would stop called him 'The Hawk' what they were doing to watch because of the look in his eyes Hogan hit balls. When the and he looked at me and said: American professional, Tom-'Son, you're going to be a great my Bolt, was asked if Nicklaus

player'. I nearly fell off my seat. Then, as he was leaving. was the greatest player ever his reply was sharp and to the point. I've seen Nicklaus he turned and said: 'Do you watch Hogan practise. I've practise hard?' I said: 'Yes', and he said: 'Double it', and never seen Hogan watch walked away. He always dressed impeccably and be-haved extremely well. He had Nicklaus practise," he Those who knew the man

a great life and set a great loved him. Those who did not example on the work ethic." admired him. What more can In his early days as a any man ask? professional, Hogan struggled, barely scraping together

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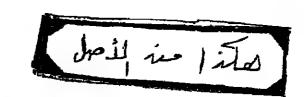
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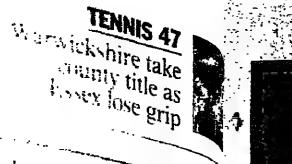
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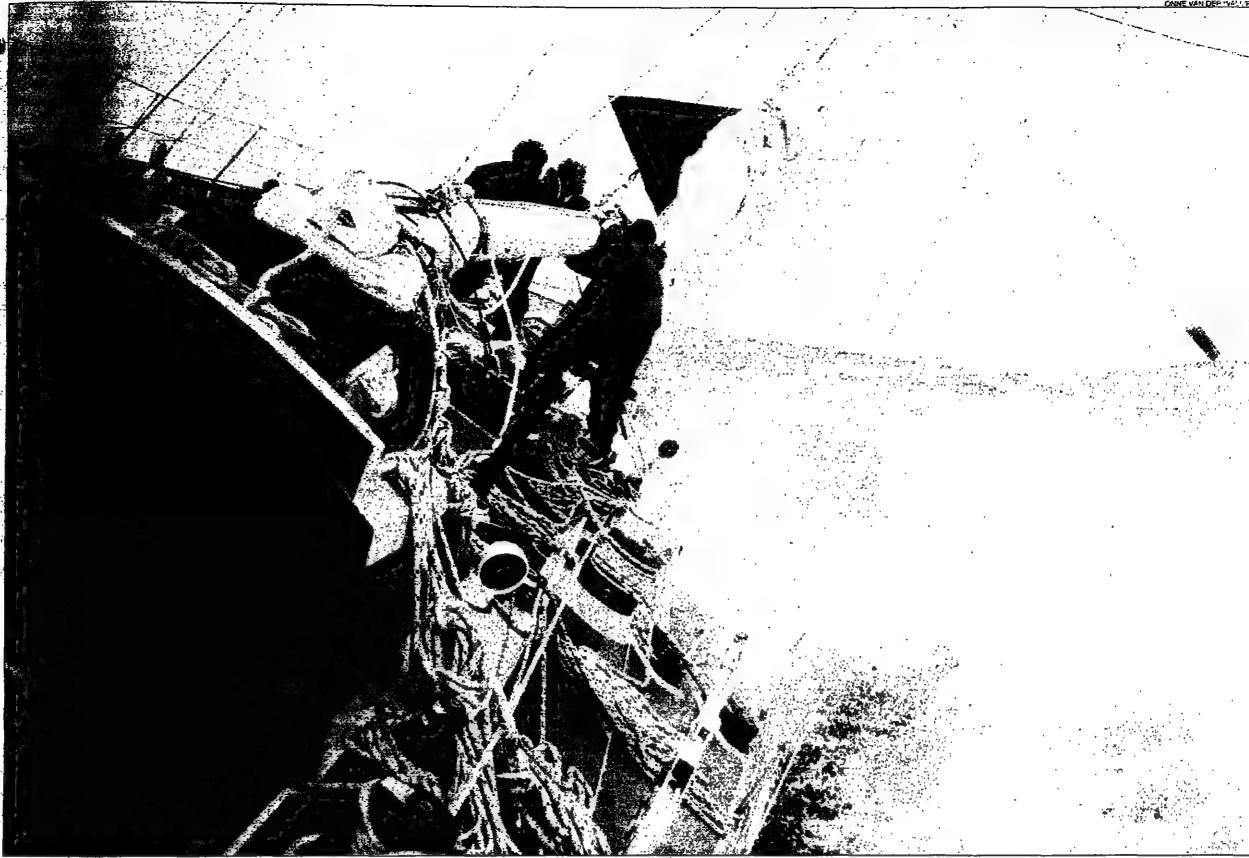
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The sea is an awesome killer, Giles Whittell warns Cowes yachtsmen, as he tells of the biggest storm in memory



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the danger sets in at Cowes when Britain's braying classes start toasting the day's nautical achievements. Yachtsmen who have survived cresting waves and gale-force winds during the day are sunk by a sea of beer at night. Hardened ladies of the ocean gurgle towards the evening after the

Only in their cups might the owes brigade start singing that mournful old prayer about . the brave souls who live off the sea rather than use it as a playground O hear us when we cry to thee. For those in peril on the sea." Yet few of them know or understand the true: nature of the sea, the terrifying force that can be unleashed when heak weather systems meet to produce destructive power equivalent to the combined nuclear arsenals of the former Soviet Union and the

gins and tonic begin to hit

A story to sober any sailor's thoughts has emerged in the States, however, It concerns a

Storm of the century from the Carolinas to Nova

be the most violent and unforgiving of the last century, a maelstrom of unimaginable proportions, which went largely unreported because it happened so far from civilisation. Those caught in its path when it struck 3,000 miles to the west of Cowes were doomed.

The danger gathered virtually unnoticed off Newfoundland's Grand Banks, and then it slammed on to the New England coast, against the prevailing westerly wind, for 114 continuous hours.

. It was, in a meteorological sense, the perfect storm. And, although it happened six years ago, just before Hallowe'en, only now, with the publication of a book detailing the havoc it caused, is its story being told. The Hallowe en Gale struck

America's eastern seaboard,

Scotia, on October 28, 1991. Monstrous seas lashed the coast for four consecutive high tides, destroying beaches, ripping up cobblestones, pulling entire houses out to sea and leaving the parlours of the nicer oceanfront mansions several feet deep in salt water. President Bush's summer home in Kennebunkport was wrecked by waves three-storeys high. The Hudson River, defeated by the onrush of tidal water, backed up 100 miles, causing

Those lucky enough to be on land riever saw the half of it. Engulfed by the storm on a band of seething ocean nearly 1,000 miles wide was a ragtag fleet of swordfishing boats hunting a last lucrative catch of the season before racing home

flooding as far inland as

to the string of rugged har-bours north of Boston, where fishing has been the only real industry in the three and a half centuries since the Mayflower dropped anchor.

ape Ann curves northeast from Boston some 50 miles, ending at a granite point that forms the northern end of Massachussetts Bay, and provides windswept foundations for the low brick-and-clap-

board cottages of Gloucester. Among those who leant into the Hallowe'en Gale to watch its foaming breakers crash on to the rocks around Gloucester's Eastern Point lighthouse was a local writer. Sebastian Junger, young and handsome but not making much money yet. Junger's book on those hellish few days took four years to write, but has been a New Gail, sank with all hands. And York Times bestseller since its American publication in May, and is now to be published in England by Fourth Estate. It is

called The Perfect Storm. A 10,000-tonne European container ship, the Contship Holland, was also caught in the storm. So were two yachts, a 32ft American sloop and an equally modest boat being sailed solo by a Japanese man, Mikado Tomizawa. None came through unscathed.

Over two harrowing nights and the intervening day, the entire air-sea rescue capability of eastern America was mobilised to help them. Even so, both yachts sank and a highly trained military rescue swimmer was lost without trace. Most of the swordfishing fleet eventually limped home. but one vessel, the Andrea only now have we learnt what really happened in her last, terrifying hours.
The first hint of what was

brewing came at dusk on October 27 in a Canadian weather forecast faxed to all shipping within range. A mediumstrength hurricane, it stated, was spinning anti-clockwise up the coast from the Carolinas. kept offshore by a vast cold front whose northern end was degenerating into a separate storm over the Great Lakes. At the same time, a frigid high pressure system was moving south from the Canadian Arctic

 and turning clockwise. Supercomputers at the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in Maryland predicted that the hurricane and the cold Canadian air would collide like

giant gearwheels over the Grand Banks, and that anything caught in their maw would be spat back where it came from with unmeasurable fury.

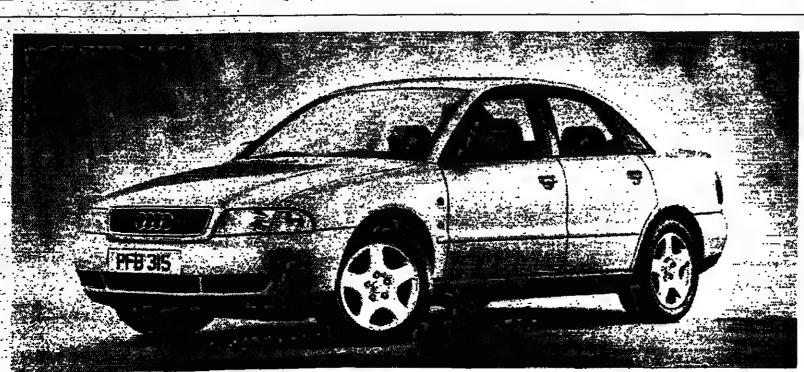
They were right. The Great Lakes storm blew out over the ocean for 1,000 miles, only to be hurled back at the mainland as a howling three-day nor easter.

Junger calls it an act of
meteorological defiance...the meshing of three completely independent weather systems to form a hundred-year event".

The experts back him up. Two meteorologists from the University of Virginia introduced a new storm-ranking system that year especially for nor'easters, and put the Hallowe'en Gale into a class of its own - Class 5 on the Dolan-Davis scale, which a survey in the American journal Weatherwise describes as reserved for the kind of mayhem that "may occur on average only once in 100 years or more". From the shore, landlubbers witnessed

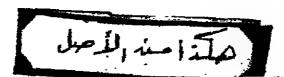
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'When he hit the ocean it might as well have been concrete'

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the violence of its western fringe. Fifty miles out to sea the terrified crew of the American yacht Satori saw a offt wave bury their rescuer as he dangled from a long-range

Another 400 miles into the storm. Canadian fisheries observer aboard a Japanese vessel prepared to die in waves cresting almost to the height of Nelson's column.

o one knows how bad it got for the Andrea Gail. because she left no survivors and all readings on the NOAA's nearest data buoy went off the scale. Deep-sea commercial swordfishing is dangerous enough in millpond conditions: one slip can drag a man overboard. with a two-inch steel grab-hook through his hand.

The crew of the Andrea Gail had left Gloucester in late September. with no way of knowing the weather in store, but plenty else to worry about. It was already late enough in the season for some swordfishing boats to have packed it in for the year. With the nearer Georges Bank fishing grounds trawled practically bare decades ago, the Gail's skipper. Billy Tyne. had no choice but to make the much longer trip to the Grand Banks, which even at the best of times "just happens to sit on one of the most dangerous storm tracks in

Tyne was in command of a strong but not invincible boat: 70ft long with a boxy steel hull, a healthy V8 diesel engine, and winches, hatches, radios, naviga-tion systems and half-inch-thick wheelhouse windows that all met federal safety standards. Its overall shape met no standards, though, except those of boatyards' "eyeball engineering". Extra fuel and water tanks had recently been added high on her deck without a single marine architect's drawing or sta-

the Andrea Gail with their lives. most with heavy hangovers after spending the previous week in Gloucester's bars: all with extreme reluctance. Bobby Shatford, aged 30, badly needed the \$5,000 that even a junior swordfisherman can earn in a good month. He had alimony and child support to pay. and a new life to start with his girlfriend, Christine. Even so, sit-ting morosely with her in the dockside car park on the afternoon the boat left, he had come within a whisker of baleing out.

Arthur Pierre, a Jamaican, had locked himself into a room above

for a winter holiday in Bermuda when first knocked flat by the storm. Two days earlier its owner. Ray Leonard, and two hired crew had chugged out of port in New Hampshire. By 11.15 on the night of October 29 the boat was sinking, Leonard was reportedly consoling himself with whisky, one crew member had taped her passport to her stomach so that her body could be identified, and the other was issuing a Mayday call.

distress signal was forwarded to Despite the appalling risk to rescu-Falcon jets were dispatched to find the Satori and monitor it till dawn. Then an H-3 helicopter, reminiscent of a Vietnam gunship, lifted off

The US Coast Guard usually

the Crow's Nest bar with his girlfriend until minutes before sailing time. Murph, the ship's cook, had told his mother not to bother him about funeral plans, because he was bound to die at sea sooner or later. Bugsy Moran, foul-tempered at not finding a woman during his week ashore, had started brawling with Sharford while loading the boat. Maybe that was why Adam Rundull walked off it at the last minute, saying he had a "funny feeling", and did not come back. The yacht Satori was on course

Picked up by a freighter, the the Boston Coast Guard station. ers, a Coast Guard cutter and from Cape Cod to attempt the

rescues stricken boaters by dropping them a man-size basket. The first time the H-3 tried this over the Satori a 60ft wave ripped the basket and an accompanying rescue swimmer clean off its cable.

The wave breaks, turning Boat starts to climb up As the wave starts to break, the boat's bow is the boat upside down so THE PERFECT **STORM** THE ATLANTIC WEATHER ON OCTOBER 28, 1991

was winched back in. The next time, those on the Satori were ordered by VHF radio to abandon ship and wait in the water.

HOW A BOAT CAN 'PITCH-POLE' AND SINK

They dropped him again," a survivor told Junger in one of his book's most eye-popping passages. He just skimmed over the top of the water, flying towards us. When he gets there he says, 'Hi, I'm Dave Moore, your rescue swimmer, how are you?" It was very cordial."

umping into towering walls of water in wetsuits and hurricane-force winds is what rescue swimmers are trained for. Suicide is not, yet this is what appeared to face two more of them aboard another helicopter as the storm roared on into its deadliest night.

An H-6, adapted for mid-air refuelling on rescues hundreds of miles from land, had been scram-The swimmer went under for ten bled during the afternoon of the deep, depending on the wave nel were mobilised to rescue the and pouring down its chimney. New England seconds, re-attached the basket and 30th to answer a Mayday from the pattern below. They had no way of rescuers. By three in the morning, stacks, shorting electrical systems, you'd be mad."

Japanese yachtsman Tomizawa. Finding him rudderless but still afloat in raging seas 250 miles off New Jersey, the pilot, Dave Ruvola, deemed a rescue physically impos-sible and headed home, leaving Tomizawa to be picked up by a

Romanian freighter. Half-way back to Long Island the H-6 attempted its fourth refuelling in driving rain, 80mph winds and zero visibility. It was, Junger writes, "like throwing darts down a gun barrel; hitting the target is

pure dumb luck". After more than 30 unsuccessful attempts, Ruvola was forced to give up and dive for sea level before his engines flamed out. It was by this time pitch dark. With the helicopter hovering on its final dregs of kerosene, Ruvola's two swimmers. void, anything from 10ft to 100ft aircraft two ships and 200 person-

knowing what they were falling into, but Junger tells us what happened to one of them. John Spillane, aged 32:

"When John Spillane hits the Atlantic Ocean, he is going at about 50 miles an hour ... it might as well have been concrete. Spillane fractures three bones in his right arm, one bone in his left leg, four ribs in his chest; ruptures his kidney and bruises his pancreas."

Against the odds, Spillane survived. So did Ruvola, who ditched. out of fuel, in conditions as severe as any encountered by a US military helicopter in peacetime. After fighting his way out of the sinking \$8-million machine, he swam towards a strobe flashing on his flight engineer's survival suit. funding each other alive, he and

four survivors had been plucked from the maelstrom on a cargo net hung from the side of the Coast Guard cutter Tamaroa. The fifth, despite wearing what was effectively a personal liferaft, vanished.

y the morning of the 31st, no one had heard from Billy Tyne and the Andrea Gail for more than 48 hours. His last course change had been to the north, apparently for the nearest possible shelter in Nova Scotia or on Cape Breton Island. His last words to the rest of the swordfishing fleet had been pithy and ominous: "She's coming on. boys, and she's coming on strong.

Junger suggests that soon afterwards the doonied boat lost all its radio antennae, and that something and two crew pulled on survival. Spillane floated face up in the outfits and jumped into a black "hurricane and waited for help. Six and sunk by waves learning off her "boat we were in: "You could try."

and wreathing the vessel in a blaze of sparks. Or by simply "pitchpoling" it end over end, burying it.

There was no word on the Gail or its crew for more than a week. Then, on November 7, the Boston Globe reported the discovery of her propane tank and fish-net radio beacons 180 miles west of her last known position. A massive search was called off two days later, and St Ann's Church in Gloucester began

preparing for a memorial service. Like Cowes, Cape Ann has its sunny days. On one of them, a couple of weeks ago. I found myself bobbing around in a sailing boat a foot longer than the Satori, watching a magnificent parade of racing yachts begin the annual 400-mile dash from Marblehead to Halifax. in Nova Scotta, I wondered idly if hatches or bursting her windows. said a relative who has sailed off New England for 30 years, "but

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What will we wear when the Royal Opera House goes west? Nick Foulkes asks

spot of corporate en-tertainment used to be so easy - hung on a tux, shove a few sparklers around the just sit it out in gilded splendour with the marketing director from Amalgamated Widgets until the 'poo at half-

Well, at least that was the way it was before they shut the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, and decided to disperse the opera as far as the Barbican, the Shaftesbury Theatre and Labbatt's Apollo,

Hammersmith. "Are we seeing yet another down-grading of the great tradition of the night out at Covent Garden, one of the last bastions where a white tie can be worn?" asks gent's outlitter Jeremy Hackett in one his

more apocalyptic moods. On September 24, the Royal Ballet season opens in salubri-ous London W6. It will be interesting to see how many fat-cat corporate sponsors brave the Circus Maximus style traffic which circles Hammersmith Broadway night and day - and, if they do come, how they will deal with the updated Hogarthian attentions of the carjackers, muggers and alcopop-swiggers for which West London is supposedly famed. Besides, given that the cultural heights scaled so far by the Labbatt's Apollo have included an evening of Irish jigs of the Riverdance school, it is unlikely that the management has much experience of handling punters in top hats and tiaras Certainly, when the Royal Ballet opens at the Labbatt's

Apollo, the dancers will have the jacket off." to struggle by without the presence of Cartier's communication director, Pilar Boxford. When attending the opera or the ballet. Ms Boxford is a vision of feminine elegance. She is of the opinion that it is only appropriate to dress up for such an occasion. "I just feel that it is decent to parking. look quite smart to go to the opera. I feel very sad that

Opera is quite grand and quite beautiful and you have to look the part." Her advice is that "you don't change too much from the office. If you have a wool jersey on, all you do is change to a silk top and a nice little Cartier necklace, some earrings, may-

be, and then you look smart."

everyone goes very relaxed.

Scene change turns into a costume drama



Covent Garden Thirties style, with opera hat, of course

Her own ensemble is the essence of simplicity. "I normally wear a sort of suit, a Chanel suit, with a silk shirt underneath, to be able to take

However, while Ms Boxford will certainly be going to the opera when it is at the Shaftesbury Theatre, there are limits - and going to Hammersmith to watch ballet is one of them. After all, she would probably not feel safe wearing any jewellery in the underground

John Morgan, the author of Debrett's New Guide to Etiquette, agrees with Ms Boxford "I suspect that if you are trotting down to the Labbatt's in Hammersmith, it would be as well to cut down-

on the big jewellery." He does, however, feel it would be a shame if standards were to drop too far. Things shouldn't change that much in: reality. I have been going to

the Opera House since the 1960s, when I was a child, and people's dress has been getting less formal. So I think much of it would translate very easily to some of the West End venues. It is only on the gala nights that people wear dinner iackets - but even at the farewell gala not every man was in evening dress."

To be on the safe side, Mr Morgan recommends that men wear a dark blue suit in a fine plain wool, which he describes as the stage down from evening dress. "Performing standards aren't going to drop, we hope, so the audience should do their

Mr Hackett is less optimistic. "If I were dressing to go to the Labatt's Apollo, I would probably wear a blazer and grey worsted flannels. Albottoms, pumped up trainers and a bright polo shirt."

. It is about performances of the operas at the Barbican that Mr Hackett is most worried. "The Barbican is quite lefty isn't it?" he says in his best Rip van Winkle manner. "In which case, I would have probably thought a more re-laxed approach is appropriate: perhaps a button-down shirt, snitted tie — if, of course, lefties wear ties these days and some sort of unstructured jacket. It could be by Hackett, but is more likely to be Gap or something like that. Trousers will be chinos, worn with deck shoes, probably Timberlands. The ultimate socialist accessory is, of course, a bottle of

champagne in the interval."
"One should not get too
snobby about the Opera
House or the Barbican," says Gabriella di Nora, the head of personal shopping at Self-ridges. She will be recom-mending her customers to stick to their usual outfits: probably something "in a soft. fabric, with subtle buttons". However, she adds, if a woman intends to venture out to the Hammersmith Apollo. she should give some serious thought to her shoes.

Ms Di Nora also has a canny tip. Given the fickleness of the weather, she suggests a "smart evening coat. If you don't have the evening dress; 2 smart velvety raincoat that is waterproof - one that will double." What's more, she happens to have just the right velvety raincoat with a "swing back and glamorous hood" for

around E350. The main problem is that dress codes are so fluid these days. Chopping up the Royal Opera and Ballet and spreading them everywhere from EC2 to W6 merely makes what many people find a difficult enough sartorial sinuation worse. Even Lisa Armstrong of Vogue has difficulty making a concrete recommendation. Wear whatever you wear with an air of confidence, she says, because nobody knows the rules any more. If you look good, then it is fine. You can be wearing a giant turnmy-but-ton ring and not much-else.

Fine, no doubt, for the Labbau's Apollo ... But, who knows, when the Royal Opera House reopens in the next though, I daresay, I could get millennium, pierced navels away with a pair of tracksuit . may even be de rigueir,

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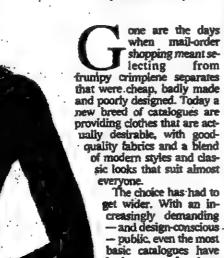
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who are into the latest

looks, as well as those who are

Mr Faintreny traces the changing attitude of cata-logues back to the launch of the Next Directory in 1988. They opened up a whole new market," he says of his competitor. Next (0345 100500) introduced mail order to a more affluent customer than had been previously targeted and the rest of the mail-order industry slowly followed suit, targeting a younger crowd

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with style sense. Customers who were particularly targeted were those living in isola-

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888222) sells many recognisable names such as Katharine Hamnett, Red or Dead and Polo Ralph Lauren. and Empire (0800 220230) has a feature-range from Jean

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EC noise threat to British mowers

flower lobby abuses the lawn-loving lobby it is usually because of the lack of biodiversity in a lawn and the pollution from petrol-driven mowers. Only rarely is the noise of mowers a source of criticism. Yet, socially speaking, mower noise is a pollutant second only to road traffic and aircraft.

How often does anyone consider how noisy a machine will be when they buy it? Yes, we toss up between cylinder and rutary mowers, between petrol and electric, and between man-powered, self-propelled and ride on mowers. But the noise?

We should, because nine times out of ten lawns are cut at the evening and weekends. when many other people want to relax in the garden with family and friends. The howl of a determined mower the other side of the fence is the stuff of neighbourhood feuds. It niggles beyond reason, like the wind-chime two doors down from me.

But lawn mowers can be as quiet as we want to afford them to be. Stand beside a Rolls-Royce when it is just ticking over and you hardly hear a thing. There are mowers which work that way too. such as the Ransome's Super Certes and the Atco Royale. But notice that these are cylinder mowers. Petrol driven, yes, but cylinder mowers none the less. They are upmarket machines costing several hundred pounds, and the engines are well silenced and baffled to give a purring performance.

Rotaries, on the other hand. howl even at a standstill. The manufacturers could spend more on silencing them to the standards found in cylinder machines, but half the noise with a rotary machine is from the howl of the wind the blade draws in - the vacuuming effect which throws the clippings into the grassbox or. in the case of a hover mower, keeps the machine afloat. If the manufacturers spent money on making the engine

If you're buying a mower, go for one that won't annoy the people

next door, says Stephen Anderton

crease the price without pro-ducing a significantly quieter machine. So they would lose market share. And no sane manufacturer is going to do

that willingly.
Until I had a lawn of my own, I had used only professional machines, and considered electric mowers to be expensive toys. These days I can see their vir-

tue. While the petrol-driven mower offers you freedom to go wherever you like, with no trailing cables to snag round trees and plants and corners of steps, the cost of a petrol-driven machine in a smail garden makes no sense. Not only are they more expen-

sive to buy, but there is the considerable cost of servicing to be taken into account. And servicing is important, especially with regard to noise. An old, clapped-out mower is as noisy and smelly a machine as you could wish to find, and guaranteed to niggle the neighbours.

If you want the mobility of a petrol-driven machine with the cheapness and quietness of an electric machine, then hope is at hand. Battery-powered machines are becoming cheaper and more efficient at last. Black & Decker, for example, has produced a battery-operated 33cm rotary machine, the GRC730, for £199.99. This is about £50

better silenced, it would in- more than a comparable mains-powered electric but. if trailing cables enrage you, this

may be the machine for you. The Black & Decker is said to cut 300 square metres of grass on a fully charged battery. My lawn is almost exactly that size and the machine has only ever run out of power on me once, when the grass was wet and particularly

heavy going. The harder it has to The howl work, the shorter its cutting time. The battery is only 12-volt. which of grass means that there is cutters is no risk of serious electric shocks, the stuff of and the removable battery charges up from empty in 24neighbour 36 hours on trickle feuds' charge. On dry grass it works like

> the grass is at all wet it struggles to throw it far enough into the box. But for a small lawn, which you can cut at any old time and wait for it to dry, it represents real progress for the price. It is also satisfactorily quiet.

a dream, but when

But what is quiet? In Germany there are by-laws restricting the use on Saturday afternoons and Sundays of lawn mowers which create more than 88 decibels of noise. That rules out all our petroldriven machines. In Europe as a whole, mowers up to 50cm in width land nylon-line trimmers) are permitted to produce no more than 96dB. But, because every 3dB represents

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a doubling of the noise level. the German by-laws mean their machines must be nearly 14 times quieter than ours at weekends.

At the moment, the EC, is looking at reducing still fur-ther the noise regulations relating to mowers, and it may well be that soon the limit for small mowers will come down from 96dB. Lowering that level is easy enough for electric machines, but it soon becomes almost impossible for petroldriven mowers.

Strangely, mowers are tested for noise when working flat out; and whereas a rotary is designed to run at full revs, cylinder mowers are rarely used at full throttle and in practice deliver far less combined engine and blade noise than a rotary.

Hover mowers tend to be noisiest, even among electric machines, because of the noise of the fan which generates the thrust to let them float. Mulch mowers, which have 50 per cent of the American market but only a tiny fraction here, are not especially noisy, because they do not have an angled blade to lift the clippings into the grass box. But they generally require a petrol

engine to function well.

Machines vary between manufacturers but, theoretically, the quietest machine ought to be an electric cylinder mower, in which the ratio of engine noise to blade noise is, roughly 20 per cent engine and 80 per cent blades. Unfortunately, battery technology is not sufficient to produce efficient large electric cylinder mowers, and even the bigger professional battery rotary machines are expensive.

But who knows, in a few years battery technology may bring us the electric lawn mower as the norm, along with the electric car. It would make gardens much quieter places, especially at the weekend. Wind chimes, of course, will operate on an entirely silent and renewable resource, and are, therefore, socially acceptable. Or so I tell myself when I slam the bedroom window in the small hours.



Recipe for a garden to make people see red TERENCE CUNEO CHA CHE BEE

Jane Owen meets a cook who could well have earned a decent crust as a gardener with her energetic flair for creating a bright and bold landscape

hairman of the Royal Society of Arts, author of 17 cookery books, founder of the eponymous restau-rant and cookery school, Prue Leith reckons that, if she were to start again, she would be a gardener rather than a cook. Although it would not have made me as much money," she says, surveying her sumptuous landscaped garden on the Warwickshire borders.

I bet it would have: the Prue Leith Gardening School for the well-heeled wellie-wearer, the books about how to prepare a garden for a house party or wedding would have earned a decent

Maybe it was an early frisson with a lawn mower which gave us the cook and not the gardener. In her parents' garden in South Africa, filled with primary colours, young Leith used to walk with her father and talk to him as he did the lawn with a push-mower. Then he bought

brought an end to the talks. Ms Leith came to gardening when she and her husband, Rayne Kruger, found their country home, 30 rolling acres with a ago. Immediately the ground was put to use. It was the Seventies, when the mangetout was today's balsamic vinegar. and a courgette was a marrow for wimps. So Ms Leith grew mangetout and globe artichokes, physallis and baby courgettes with their sunny yellow flowers still attached, and had them driven up to her

As the children fled the nest and unusual vegetables became more readily available, the vegetable garden was scaled down, giving greater time to develop the flower garden and the

Enter Jill Parker, the wife of Sir Peter the railway man, a neighbour, gardening guru and friend with strong opinions about good taste in a garden. Coming from South Africa where the light is harshly bright, and where the flowers are big and bold and brassy. Ms Leith had to

n the whole, the Parker Good Taste was taken on board; but there are areas of defiance. The red garden to the west of the house is a large area put down to a terrace with a vine-covered pergola, where gorgeous hanging baskets trail reds in the height of summer and all the surrounding beds are packed with red flowers and foliage. Here Ms Leith and her friend and family take their meals during summer.

And then there's the landscape. Steps down from the stone terrace around the house lead across a lawn to a ha-ha and a large field beyond where Ms Leith had a lake dug with an island at its centre. It was her husband's idea, though he claims ME AND MY GARDEN:

PRUE _ELH to have nothing to do with the garden andregards nature as something which has to. be controlled. The island is joined to the mainland by a Japanese style bridge (designed by Mr Kruger) and at the centre of the island is a Japanese style pagoda in the most strident red known to man. The croquet shed on the main lawn near the

house rejoices in the same colour. Neighbours have complained, according to Ms Leith, though I could not spot a neighbouring house, farm or cottage as far as the horizon. Visitors have been dismayed. The red remains.

But Ms Leith cannot leave if alone and cultivates the company of fuschias and dahlias of the brightest colours.

The sturdy growth throughout the garden is down to Roy Pearse, her gardener for the past 12 years who is sessed with healthy soil. There was no soil around the lake, so he imported 200 tons of topsoil and 200 tonnes of grit for the area. His soil production line makes earthworms rejoice.

He has ten compost bays — unsightly things made from breeze block — in an area larger than most London gardens. The resulting fine, black tilth is then barrowed to an outhouse, where it is mixed with grit and other secret ingredisurned on to the garden. His plant-labelling system is the best I've seen. No naff plastic labels here, but smooth pebbles written on with indelible marker and varnished over.

and varnished over.

The main garden around the house is traditional English: moneyed traditional English: Instead of the usual wobbly rose pergola whose pretty, thin frames will collapse in a couple of years. Ms Leith has a custom-made black-painted iron pergola which would withstand an SAS assault. It is far wider than It is far wider than any commercially available pergola so that the plants have room to grow without getting mildew and strut their stuff without getting tangled up in each other. The legs have been set into concrete which is, in turn, set into unfurned drainnings upturned drainpipes.

The pergola was a birthday present from her husband, as was the 40ft-long stone wall between the fruit and vegetable garden and a huge herba-

At the end of the rose tunnel is a bronze of a man sitting on a fence. Actually, it is a fibreglass model of an actor which Ms Leith bought for £5 and painted over with

a mix of liquid graphite and resin.

I like the physical work in gardening.
Digging and the messy stuff. I like instant results and I like new projects. I don't have the patience to do the things that Roy does, such as dividing the snowdrops and

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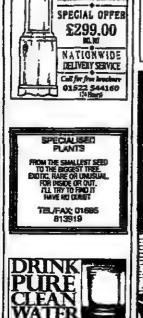
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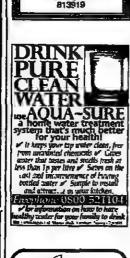
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A pond with the right mix of marginal and aquatic plants will enrich most gardens and encourage wildlife Splash out on a soothing pond

things you can do in a with astonishing it becomes speed, the home of all sorts of water creatures, adding a new dimension to garden life.

A pool can be classical or naturalistic, modernist or traditional A formal reflecting pond, brings the sky down to garth, while a pool with a buntain will add movement. sound and sparkle to its surroundings.
A newly made pond can

look disappointingly stark. Unless it is very deep, algae bloom appears and clouds the water. Finding your way round the various types of water-garden plants seems bewildering; you must learn to differentiate between marginal, aquatic, oxygenating, iloat-ing and bog plants. It is all

The first plants to acquire are aquatic and oxygenating plants. A still pool needs oxygenating plants (one to every square metre) and about half the surface area should be covered with leaves to help keep the water clear.

The most satisfactory way to do this is to plant a water lily, a Nymphaea cultivar, of the correct size for the pond. Select one or two carefully. Water lilies are divided into dwarf (which can be planted in a half-barrel), small, medium and vigorous, which will cover

for a formiain, note that water lilies do not like moving water. While the liftes are establishing, floating plants will pro-vide temporary cover.

It is worth insking the effort to visit a garden centre that specialises in water plants. There you should be able to find a wide selection of water lilies and floating plants like tender water byacinth. Look for Hottonia palustris. the water violet, or Ranuncuius aquatilis, the water buttercup, two oxygenating plants that flower, rather than making do with Canadian pondweed, although this is a useful oxygenator if there is nothing

The difference between a

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ile see red



Clumps of golden Carex and other plants break up the hard outline of this pool on the terrace of Parcevall Hall Gardens in North Yorkshire To contrast with these, there

are many large-leaved plants.

The bog arum, callas, and

zantedeschias are marginal

plants and can be planted in

shallow water. Giant gunnera,

G. manicata, American skunk

cabbage. Lysichiton ameri-

canus, the umbrella plant,

Peltiphyllum peltata, orna-mental rhurbarb, Rheum

palmation, the giant king cup,

Caltha cordata and, of course,

hostas flourish in damp soil at

the edge of the pond.

pond which looks as if it belongs and another which does not invariably lies in the poolside planting. Marginal and bog plants can add immeasurably to the appeal. They also help wildlife.

The butyl liners that have made it possible to have ponds in the smallest and most unlikely places have unsightly edges that need to be dis-guised. Water levels rise and fail, and however carefully stones are laid, one day there will be broad bands of shiny black butyl visible round the edges: Good planting can go a long way to stopping this. However the pond is con-

structed, there should always be ledges or sloping areas commodate marginal and bog plants. Even a raised, formal pond will benefit from some vertical leaves to contrast with the flat surface of the water.

The perfect plant family, mimicking the vertical lines of the reeds and rushes frequently found in the wild, is the iris. The native flag iris, I. pseudacorus, looks as well by an informal garden pond as it does in the wild. With 1. pseudacorus 'Variegata' there are stripy spears by the pond all year round, as well as bright yellow flowers in spring. Accompany these with I. sibirica, I. laevigata and I. ensata and there will be a succession of magnificent flowers to mid-summer and

On the edge of the Ashdown Forest in East Sussex, Dr and Mrs Steven Smith's garden, Moorlands, is doubly blessed. beyond. I. ensata and I. It slopes down towards a tiny iberica are suitable for the tributary of the River Medway boggy outer margins and do and also has a natural spring, not like being over-wet in winter, while I. laevigata, I. which feeds a chain of ponds in the valley bottom. The versicolor and I. pseudacorus water table is high and, until will stand in shallow water. this year, the ground has been

permanently squelchy. In addition to the ponds, there is a bog area, richly planted with the bog bean, lysichiton, reeds and yellow loosestrife. Kingcups stand tall out of the water, which is punctuated by the upright rosettes

Inshriach hybrids self-seed.

The American skunk cabbage

is equally prolific but these

large-leafed plants often

choose inconvenient places to

Recommended for hiding

the edges of a naturalistic

pond, are Calla palustris, the

bog arum. It has small white

arum-lily flowers and bold,

The bog bean has a creeping

rootstock and seems to live

happily in Dr Smith's bog garden, where the water is

about i8in deep above a layer

The brooklime, Veronica

beccabunga, grows to about

nine inches and has typical

blue veronica flowers with a

Barbara Abbs

white eye all summer long.

heart-shaped leaves.

of black mud.

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The margins of the bog are faced with pieces of stone. Plants can root in the gaps between the stone, so Lysimachia punctata, the yellow loose-strife, marches down towards the water while the bog bean. Menyanthes trifoliata, scrambles up out of it, blurring the boundaries of water and

Primulas love the damp soil and look good against the bold bog plants. Primula florindae,

PLANTING

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Aquatic plants such as water lilies, water hawthorn, the pond lily or the golden club should be planted in special perforated baskets which have a fine mesh liner or can be lined with hessian, and set in heavy loam or clay soil with some bone meal added (no peat or soil-less compost which

POND FACTS

is too light).
Plant firmly and cover the surface of the soil thickly with

pea gravel or pebbles.

The basket is watered and then lowered into the pond. Water-lily leaves should float on the surface of the water. If the water is too deep, the basket must be raised on bricks. These can be removed as the stems lengthen.

Marginal plants can be planted in the same way and placed on a ledge made at the margins of the pond or planted directly into the soil at the edge. Floaters are placed on the water.

Oxygenators can be dropped into the water, but anything other than duckweed (to be avoided) or Canadian pondweed is best planted in a shallow basket in the same way as aquatics and marginal plants.

SELECTED WATER LILIES

Nymphae 'Paul Hariot' is a dwarf water fily with comparatively large flowers of copper-tinged yellow; N, 'Caroliniana Nivea' is a fragrant white lify suitable for a small pool; N. 'Rose Arey' has reddish green leaves and deep pink flowers, for a medium pond. N. 'Odorata Sulphurea Grandiflora' has star-shaped yellow flowers and needs a large pond.

BRITISH NATIVE MARGINAL PLANTS

Butomus umbrellatus (Flowering Rush), Caltha palustris (Marsh Marigold), Iris pseudacorus (Yellow Flag). Menyanthes trifoliata (Bog Bean), Mimulus aurantiacus (Yellow Monkey Musk) and Myosotis scorpiodes (Water forget-me-not).

OTHER SUITABLE PLANTS

Pontederia cordata. Pickerel weed. Heart-shaped leaves and spikes of blue flowers betwen July and September, Houttuynia cordata 'Chameleon'; I. versicolor, I. laevigata 'Snowdrift'; I. ensata (any cultivur): Lysichiton americanus (yellow flowers) and Lysichiton camtschatcenis (white flowers).

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Skunk cabbage (left) and Houttuynia cordata

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STEPHEN ANDERTON replies to readers' letters

Earlier in the year we prepared the ground for a new lawn, killing the perennial weeds and making a good seed bed. Now the lawn is growing, but there are as many broadleafed weeds as there are grass seedlings. We understand it is not advisable to use selective weedkillers until the grass is at least six months old. What can we do mean while to eradicate the weeds? - R.H. Reed. Ringmer, East Sussex.

Even a new lown needs mowing — just topping off at 2in or so — to thicken it up and encourage growth. Doing this is sufficient to knock back the weeds for now. As the grass thickens, they will have less chance to succeed, and you can spray them in autumn or spring. Many are annuals which will disappear. I know the lawn looks messy now, but you will be surprised how time will improve things.

My son has a 50ft fence in his garden under Scots pines. He wants to replace the rickety fence with a 7ft hedge to hide a neighbour's shed. The hedge needs to be bushy at the base, evergreen, and with some colour, but not leylandil. What can he plant, and how long do Scots pines live? - Mrs B. Beattie, Tadley, Hamp-

The density of any hedge will depend on the degree of shade it, is subject to and root competition from the pines. I suggest he uses tough, shade-bearing plants, such as hardy hybrid rhododendrons (if the

box. bamboo. Osmanthus decorus, and Viburnum tinus. Scots pines can last 70 to 200 years. In craggy old age they have great style and charm. If yours are crowded. with too much root competirion, select one or two and give them the space and light to develop fully into old age.

Four years ago I bought two Syringa x laciniata under the impression that they were cuteafed evergreen lilacs. I have them in pots, in sun, and the ferny leaf is attractive, but they never flower, and are certainly not evergreen. What can I do? -P.A. Pettifer, Watford, Hert-

green in this country. This one comes from China and there is confusion about its status. What at least seems certain is that plants under this name are not a form of the Persian lilac. Syringa persica, but they do grow, like S. persica, to 6ft or more, with rich lilac flowers and a good perfume. Lilacs are notoriously greedy plants. I would put yours out into the ground, in sun, with

No lilac is really ever-

some good manure underneath, and watch them get on with it. The leaf is intriguingly variable, and can be cut to a greater or lesser degree. Out of flower. you would never guess it was • Readers should write to: Garden Answers, Weekend, The

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"Not in my back yard" is a foreign phrase to two neighbourhoods sharing gardens

On track for urban harmony

everyone

around

to enjoy'

s Tony Blair gets down to putting One Nation politics into practice, he might take a few lessons from a group of one-nation gardeners, who have fought off development plans and preserved a long, thin garden that none of them owns but which all 60 or so households have helped to bring back from a wilderness to a landscape for

Not far from the thundering A40, a street of terraced houses in west London backs on to a railway line, leaving a

strip of between 30ft and 50ft for This about a quarter of a mile between the brick walls of the garden is back gardens and a place for Some residents

in the 1906 twostorey flats remember when this area was used for allerments and a brook sparkled along the centre. The allotments were abandoned decades ago, the brook vanished and a mass of bram-

bles grew up.
A few years ago, at one end of the street. Denney Levine and Suzie Gretz were tempted over their back wall to start clearing and cultivating an area. A barbecue was built and a swing was hung from a mature oak. Children from other parts of the street began to make their way up to the swing, so encouraging their elders to clear the areas

beyond their gardens. Today, there is a mosaic of cultivated areas used by all the residents, interspersed with brambles, bindweed and thistle. This is a peaceful place, with few trains and plenty of birds. Materials for the hard landscaping are mostly reclaimed and the plants grown

from cuttings and seeds. In an area with a distinctly Japanese feel, introduced by John Lowry, there is a fivesided pergola with a surrounding jungly planting of angelica. large-leafed Macleaya cordata, holly and roses.

When Mr Lowry, a distant relation of the painter, moved here 15 years ago, he planted a stunning pink tree peony, and added a few Japanese features. along with a gate and a deer scarer. "I am an architect but I went through some lean years and used the time to clear part of the communal garden," says Mr Lowry, who built a totem pole from a brick base and part of a railway lamp

More and more gates were cut through the walls of the back gardens into the communal area and old chimney pots were planted up and dotted along the garden. The whole street became enthused.

a pond. Last Easter Mr Lowry dug a hole and bought a liner. Others chipped in to help pay for it. That is how the garden works: co-operation rather than coercion. Everybody puts in what they can in kind or labour or, sometimes, money.

orchard of trees salvaged from a skip and a brilliant sea of forget-menots and senecio. area cultivated by Mrs Christine lived in the street for 50 years. She laid the terrace with bricks discarded by a neighbour. Poppies have self-seeded down the length of the garden.

giving a united theme. In Tom and Ena Ryall's area, there is a contage-garden feel, with a bench at the centre of onions, hollyhocks, ornamental cabbages, curry plants, aquilegia, candytuft. heliebores, ribes and chives. "We don't mind if people come and sit on this bench. All this garden is for everybody to enjoy," says Mrs Ryall, whose grandchildren were playing in the garden when I visited.

One of them. Rebecca May. a six-year-old Spice Girl fan. said: "I like playing here. It's got a nice swing and the flowers are pretty.

Nearby is a newly cleared area with a heap of debris. which gives some idea of the vast effort involved in clearance. Old Hoovers, bits of railway, part of an Anderson air-raid shelter, lino and an old lawn mower have been dug out of an area of about 30ft by 20ft. Once, residents found a barrister's wig with the initials sewn in. They traced the owner through the Law Society and he rewarded

them with a bottle of wine. Three years ago, Jo Hutton cleared the area at the back of her garden. It took six people working hard for a week to complete the task. Now she grows spinach, carrots, potatoes, radishes and broccoli, and has built a barbecue.

"I have two boys, aged six and nine, and this is a good area for them. It is completely



space, with all the freedom of the countryside." said Mrs Hutton, a composer and

music teacher of Afro jazz. Nearby, Smita Dave and Martin Murphy, both architects, have a stylish, cool garden in pebbles and brick. It "an oasis of calm" in a flamboyant area, where a green canopy flutters over a barbecue area beside a vegetable plot, where four levels have been edged with old roof tiles.

logs, planks and bricks.

Ms Dave's next project is an adventure playground for her sons - Milan, aged four, and Nikhil, two - and the other

At the far end of the garden. I found Nat Waugh, a grandson of Evelyn, cutting away

the brambly jungle with a heavy-duty strimmer. He was being helped by ten-year-old. Myles Keene, a neighbour, who was wielding a meat cleaver (dug out of the communal garden) at the brambles.

yles's favoorite haunt is some old cherry trees, where his parents have rigged up a rope climbing frame. It is thanks to Myles, who took Mr Waugh to see some other parts of the garden when he moved in a year ago, that Mr Waugh was inspired to clear the area around his back garden.

Apart from the communal garden itself, the remarkable thing is that two redevelopment threats have been successfully fought off. A lease 1992. Then, in 1994, British Rail decided to make sidings which would have destroyed the garden. Mr. Levine prought out campaign letters and a working group was formed to fight the plan. The next threat came in the form of a high speed freight sail link from Leicester to the Channel

This garden is the glue of the community. It keeps us all together. We have communal parties and barbecues here. If you work collectively, you can move prountains. It is a magic

ports. The residents are pretty

sure they have fought that off.

WEEKEND TIPS

Sow spring cabbage and winter spinach direct into the ground. Line out young plants of winter and Savoy

Rest Christmas cacti for a month by standing them in a shady place without

■ Watch out for red spider damage in glasshouses. Treat by biological control, increase humidity to make conditions less favourable. Continue to give liquid feed fortnightly to largeflowered clematis.

■ If lawns must be watered, soak them well. Water dry compost heaps to keep them active.

garden. Mr Lowry says. JANE OWEN

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Friendly link with a Victorian plot

The Beatles' film Help! in 1965 featured the marvellous fiction that the Fabs each lived in four neighbouring London terraced houses. grimy and separate in appearance from the outside. Once through each door, however, the houses opened up into a fantasy in which all the interiors had been knocked together into a luxurious split-level pad.
This effect finds a faint echo at Stoke

Newington, in north London, where a row of six Victorian terraced cottages have linked back gardens. This paragon of urban togetherness has not been achieved with an open communal garden my means of gateways from one garden to another, or a vague line created by a difference in gardening style, thereby keeping their individual characters. All the residents can walk in and out of each patch.

A typically north London mix of indigents and cosmopolitan incomers. ranging in age from six to 85, live in the corrages. Jonathan Darke, an architect who lives in the top end of the terrace with Sarah Vaughan-Roberts, does not know exactly how long the garden links have been there, but says: "The ateways certainly go back three or four generations, because I've seen a neighbour's old photographs. They might even go back to when the houses were built in the 1840s. Some people who see it think we've done a bit of idealistic social engineering but, though we have built up the connectedness of the gardens, that aspect has been there a long time."

While any householder can walk through the gardens at any time, each has respect for the other residents' space. "If number three is having a party, no one walks through it," Ms Vaughan-Roberts says. "It's not carte blanche: we don't abuse the walkthrough factor." She adds: "Each garden has evolved to have small. personal, secret bits. Everyone has been conscious about making their own space in each garden, so that we can all be anonymous, yet social at the same time." Fortunately, no one in the houses appears to have a problem with the knock-through notion. It seems that, if you don't buy the house," Mr Darke says, "or



John Darke in the communal gardens behind six Victorian houses

you get used to it pretty quickly. But we all have to be sensitive and pick up on whether someone doesn't want people in their garden at a particular time."

Such co-operation engenders a resourceful neighbourliness. The six householders borrow from one another: one house's lawn mower is used by everyone, and they water each other's plants if someone is away. They also club together for necessities: they chipped in to buy hazel hurdles. There is no tenants' committee, just an array of gardening styles to enjoy. At the top end, Mr Darke and Ms Vaughan-Roberts have built a garden that features forceloves, old English roses, clematis, wild geranium, honeysuckle, raspherries and wild strawberries. There is also a bench beneath a bower. "It's somewhere in between an English cottage garden and a vastly scaleddown Romantic 18th-century idea," Mr Darke says. From their garden, a

neighbours, which is used as a vegetable plot, where Ms Vaughan-Roberts has planted the borders with cuttings from her garden.

go in for free gardening, she says. This gives the feel of a decorative allowment, with rickety bamboo pea-poles joining scattered flowers. The residents don't mind, and everybody gets a share of the courgettes, peas, tomatoes and lettuce that grow there. "People harvest their own and sometimes you have to be a bit quick off the mark," Mr Darke says. But it all seems to work out."

At the back of this garden is a brick bomb shelter, used for storage and not without its Dad's Army charm. "During the war, the man who lives there was a foreman at the council," Mr Darke says. "He had a de luxe bomb shelter rather than the standard Annimber arch leads into the next-door owned by an American couple, has a

backed up with an oval lawn bordered with New World-tinged evergreens: peanut-butter plants, mimosa, eucalyptus, cordylines. Again, there is a vegetable patch, its rusticity contrast ing with a sauna-like bathroom exten-

sion on their house: The next garden, number four, belongs to an Australian and has. perhaps, the most finely tuned aesthetic on the block, with Italianate touches such as Tuscan terracotta pots and two trimmed espalier apple trees. It also has a massive old marble table, and small touches of poetic gardening curiosities: watering cans, a garden roller, a tin bath. A cast-iron copper one of the old washing tubs that used to be standard in houses of this age - is used to display water plants, and at the back lies an ivy-covered Anderson shelter (dearly the house's wartime owner did not work for the council).

The next garden belongs to an octogenarian, who was born in the house. This is a traditional cottage garden, with flowers and vegetables grown from seed. "It is formal and pragmatic," says Mr Darke who, with the rest of the people in the terrace. helped to re-lay the stone path so that the owner can walk round the garden

more easily. Garden number six, at the far end of the terrace, is the only one which has a gate in it, because the owners have plenty of potential escapees — two young children, a dog, a rabbit and a pond full of frogs. There is also an old English medlar tree and a half-finished artist's studio at the end. "Its a children's paradise garden," says Ms Vaughan-Roberts, who doesn't mind the frogs taking a walkabout because

they apparently eat-slugs, though they themselves risk getting eaten by several local hedgehogs and a fox.

The whole effect of this garden chain set-up offers various gardening forms and functions to each of the residents without them having to buy a stately home. Perhaps the gardens also act as a paradigm of the best possible urban life social, yet individually expressive and potentially anonymous.

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Gilt-edged invitation to the classics

Joyce Blake learns the economical

way to desorate with gilding

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Louise O'Reele has gilded the alcores with dining room of her house in Cricklewood, North Londing. She says: "Our dining room has an oriental feel with a ged lacquer fire place and I wanted to display some of any Chinese one. some of my Chinese orna-ments there. I thought a gilded background would comple ment them, so I gilded the walls. I am very pleased with

Sandpaper, oil-based paint for water-based paint for use with water-based gold size var-nishing brosh, dust cloth, quick drying gold size or Wundasize, books of transfer metal leaf — (Dutch metal is reasonably priced, conon wool, Shellar polish, polyure-thane varnish, fine steel wool, white spirit and paper towels.

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paint to the wall and allow to iry thoroughly. Wipe the wall with a damp cloth to remove all dust. Use a varnishing brush to apply a thin layer of the gold size or Wondasize to the wall. Leave the gold size to dry until it is tacky. Check the texture— it is ready for use when it has a similar nexture to adhesive tape. Wundasize will become transparent when it is ready to receive the metal leaf.

The metal leaf can then be applied to the wall. Lay a sheet of the metal leaf over the gold size, metal side down. Use your fingers to rub gently over the waxed backing paper. Remove the waxed paper care fully. Gently press cotton wool across the leaf to ensure it sticks to the wall. Follow the same application method for the remaining squares allow-

ing them to overlap slightly At this stage the gilding can be finished with Shellac polish and varnished or distressed. A simple way to achieve a dispressed effect is by gently rubbing the gilded area with fine wire wool dipped in white spirit, and then using a paper towel to rub over the same area and soften the look. It is worth practising on your sample board to decide on the look you wish to achieve. When you have completed

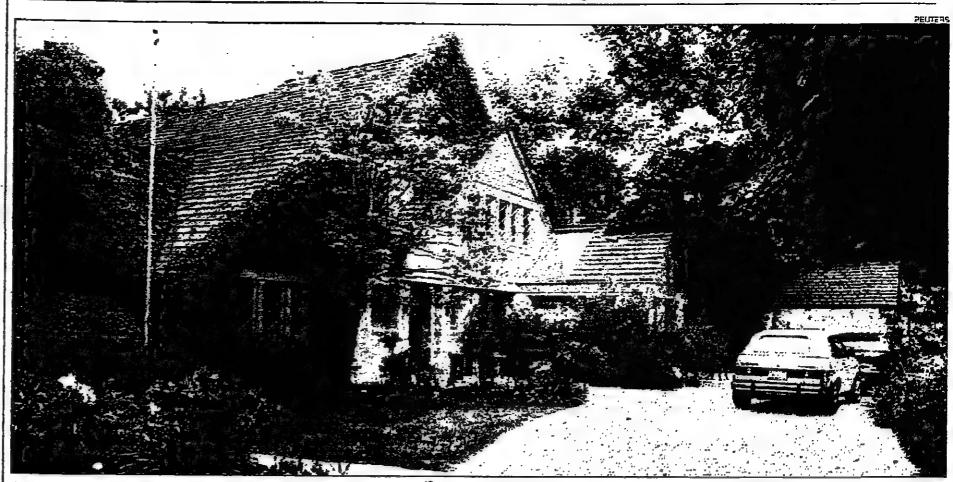
your gilding, brush on Shellac polish. This will dull the Dutch metal and ensure it does not look too brassy. Apply three coats of polyure-

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Louise O'Keefe gilding a tray. "It gives an oriental look"

Simon Freeman and Giles Whittell wonder who buys houses with alarming histories







Above: The palatial home that formerly belonged to O.J. Simpson, the American footballer. The bank that has bought the house in the desirable suburb of Brentwood, Los Angeles, expects to make a tidy profit when it resells it after sprucing it up

Far left: An aerial view of the house and grounds with the guesthouse to the right of the picture

Left: O.J. Simpson has been given 60 days to

Homes with a fatal attraction

more from a Californian mansion than her" bathrooms, mock-Tudor fire-places, private cinema and tennis court, might consider 360 North Rockingham Avenue in the desirable Los Angeles suburb of Brentwood. For the past 20 years this has been the home O.J. Simpson, the American football legend who will be remembered for ever as the man acquitted of murdering his ex-wife, Nicole Brown, and her friend. Ron Goldman.

Viewing is not possible at the moment, however, since Simpson is still living there, although the house has just been sold for a bargain £1.5 million to help pay off his huge legal bills and £20 million damages which a civil court awarded the families of Brown and Goldman. The new owner, a bank called Hawthorne Savings which was one of Simpson's many creditors, has given him 60 days to leave. Once he has gone, the bank will "spruce the house up" and out it on the market for at least El million more than it fetched when it was auctioned on the

David Hardin, Hawthorne's executive vice-president, thought the bank had picked up the 6,000 square foot, five-bedroom, six-bathroom house so cheaply because "people who are spending millios of dollars on a home don't like being seen at courtside auctions". But he was confident about the resale possibilities: "So much has

happened here. And that will push the price up." Elaine Young, a local estate agent who specialises in "celebrity" properties, is also enthusiastic. She sold the house to Simpson in 1977, and said: "People with an ego will want to go around saying they bought OJ's house. It will put an extra \$1 million on the price."

too optimistic depends on the reaction of buyers to the unsavoury history of the property. There was evidence during Simpson's trial of a bloody trail leading up the drive on the night in June, 1994, when Brown and Goldman were killed; there is the putting green where Simpson said he was practising when they died, and the guest house occupied by Brian "Kato" Kaelin, who was a star witness at the trial.

dward Heaton, manager of the country-side department at Stratton Creber in Plymouth, said people who bought old houses expected them to have colourful histories. However, recent, awful deeds were a definite disadvantage. "We expect to be given instructions soon for a house on Dartmoor where a woman was murdered. That

will be very hard to sell." There are dozens of properties regularly bestowed with the title of Britain's "most haunted house", including Littledean Hall, a 900-yearold. 28-room vile near Gloucester, which is one of the area's main tourist attractions.

Whether Ms Young is being

No 10 Rillington Place, where John Christie murdered six women, was demolished in the Seventies

John and Sheila Christopher,

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Fred and Rosemary West killed nine women at 25 Cromwell Street, been paved over



Dennis Nilsen murdered 12 young men. The house was sold to a developer in 1983

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360 North Rockingham Avenue, Brentwood, Los than it should be on account

of its ghoulish celebrity value. Certainly a multimillion-dollar home. • Setting: millionaire's row in one of the classier suburbs of LA. Neighbours include half of

the big names in Hollywood. Shopping: Roden Drive. one of the most vulgar streets in the world, is close by.

 Entertainment: gawping tourists who will arrive by the busload to gawp at OJ's residence..

are graphic designers in bad weather, have just bought the and £200,000", and say the presence of so many alleged ghosts simply added to the property's value. The ghosts are said to include Charles Pyrke, murdered in 1741 by his black man-servant after he had raped the man's sister. Mrs Christopher said: "A lot of people experience things when they come here. They say they can't breathe. Americans are always keen on this kind of thing. Unfortunately I haven't

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Attractions: Recently separated from neighbouring Herefordshire, Worcestershire's most famous son is composer Sir Edward Elgar, born in the village of Lower Broadheath, just west of Worcester, although the area's new anti-hunting MP has ruffled a few feathers of late:

Many visitors follow the Elgar trails around the county, as well as taking in attractions such as the Severn Valley and its steam railway, the Malvern Hills and the spa town of Great Malvern. Hot spots include villages like Ombersley, six miles north of Worcester, the Teme Valley, and areas around the county's prestigious schools, such as Malvern College. Communications include the MS, M42, MSO and Birmingham airport.

The market: Hot according to Humberts in Worcester, which reckons prime country house prices look set to increase by 15 per cent this year. Agents Andrew Grant in Worcester has 50 per cent fewer properties on its books than at the same time last year. Knight Frank reports that about half its sales have exceeded the guide price in the past year, with many going to best and final

The market fell by about 30 per cent from autumn 1988, reaching its lowest point in 1991. Confidence returned last summer, and Strutt & Parker says the prices have returned to peak levels.

Expect to pay: Around £150,000 to £200,000 for a small cottage, says Humberts: from £300,000 to £400,000 for a farmhouse and from £400,000 to £800,000 for medium to large country houses, according to Strutt &

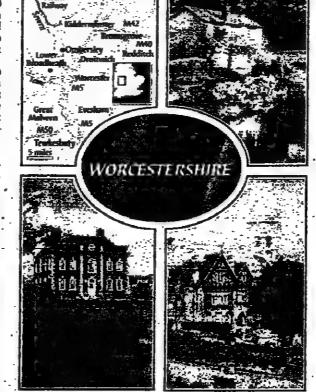
Many of the properties over £200,000 go to buyers wanting to move out of Birmingham or to those on company relocations, says Humberts, which has had 15 per cent more national purchasers register during the past 12 months. Knight Frank reckons secondhome owners head west of the Severn.

Significant sale: The Great House, near Worcester, was sold recently by Andrew Grant for well over the £1.3 million asking price. The Queen Anne house had been on the market for two months, and ended up. with two or three serious bidders who were. asked for best and final offers. Local agents are still reeling.

Outlook: Stable according to Knight Frank, although the more bullish Strutt & Parker reckons it will be more of the same, with

supply still restricted.
Humberts, meanwhile, predicts steady rises, although expects to see some slowing of

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Renting can be good for you

Why are the British so keen on owning their homes when it often makes sense to rent?

The British do not aspire to rent their homes. Renting is for the young, the relatively poor, the mobile and, in the past few years, those bridging the gap between selling one property and buying the next. There's a deep-rooted stigma most people do it out of necessity and dream of their own mortgage.

Yet consider the attractions. Renting offers freedom to move at limited notice and does away with responsibility, either of maintenance or of mortgage repayments - a big deal for those weighed down by the millstone of negative equity in recent years.

Could the aversion to renting be something do do with the traditional dominance of furnished letting? Certainly, the prospect of domestic life slouched in the landlord's east-off settee amongst the cigarente burns of previous tenants is not an appealing one. But the past couple of years have seen a marked increase in the availability of unfurnished letting - Hamptons International, for instance, had 34 per cent of its tenancies unfurnished in the first quarter of 1997, compared with 16 per cent 12 months earlier.

So might perceptions change as a result? Surely, with the opportunity to raid Habitat and kit a place out as you'd like, renting is not such a had idea. In major European cities. most people not only rent their homes, but are happy to do so indefinitely. So what is the British obsession with ownership? And is it possible that we might see a shift towards the accommodation habits of our European Union cousins in coming years?

We have not always been a nation of owner-occupiers. A century ago, renting was more or less inescapable for the rapidly growing urban middle class. But after the First World War, building societies



Renting an apartment in Paris is half the price of one in London

offering credit facilities at low interest rates were on the increase. and most houses were built by private enterprise for sale rather than rent. The way was open for a growing slice of middle England to enjoy the sense of security and

ouse buying really took off after 1945. In that year, 26 per cent of English and Welsh houses were owner-occupied; by 1983 the figure was 63 per cent. It was fuelled by the policies of both main parties, with council house tenants encouraged to buy their homes and income tax relief offered on mortgage interest. The propertyowning democracy had its feet under the table well before Thatcherism got a grip. "Home ownership is a most rewarding form of tenure," pronounced a 1974 Tory White Paper. "It satisfies a natural desire on the part of the householder to have independent control of the house that shelters him and his family."

It also satisfies a deep and natural desire to capitalise on the swings of the volatile UK property market, as many victims of the spectacular boom and collapse of the late 1980s could testify. Home ownership in Britain is seen as a chance to make money, in the long term if not the short term.

The flip side of the pro-purchase argument, however, is the hitherto

unappealing nature of the rental market for anyone looking to make a home for themselves. Why on earth did furnished accommodation gain such a tight grip on the market? Legislation passed in the 1960s gave tenants strong rights to stay in property indefinitely and made it very difficult for landlords to regain possession. But the law made it easier to evict peoplefrom

furnished properties.

Most landlords, predictably, took that route and furnished lettings became the norm, until the 1988 Housing Act introduced Assured Shorthold Tenancies lasting a minimum of six months. (After that time the landlord can serve notice and reclaim the property if he wishes). The Act made no distinction between furnished and unfurnished, though, thereby widening landfords' options.

Change has been a slow process. but the trend to "defurnish" London's letting scene has been helped along by other factors. Penny Parr Head at Hamptons International points to the spate of investors from Hong Kong and Singapore, who don't want to spend an extra £10,000 or £20,000 on furnishing that adds little value in terms of rent. She says: "They have helped shape the market. The supply's there now so the demand is moving towards it."

More significant is the introduction earlier this year of the Fire and Safety Regulations on furniture



and furnishings. Landlords must meet stringent standards, which means that older stuff has to be replaced. As Patrick Bullick at Humberts says: "It's a huge incentive to people to let unfurnished."

So the shape of supply has shifted; but so has that of demand. There is still a large market for furnished one and two bedroom flats catering for transient workers and young people without possessions and 'there's an argument that if you furnish smaller places they il go more quickly, observes Catherine Cockcroft of Aylesburys. But London's an ever more international centre, and corporate lets for Europeans and Americans on two or three-year postings have become the mainstay of the central London rental market. They want larger properties, and they want them unfurnished so that they can bring their own belongings.

And that's not all. "Properties are

still so difficult to find to buy that there are a great many British looking to rent after selling, while

they find the right thing, says Catherine Cockcroft. A classic ex-ample is the Wright family, who in the light of the current strong market brought forward their plans to sell their house and move out of London. "We always planned to rent in the interim," explains Rosie Wright, "partly because the chances of getting the timing right were so remote, and partly because we're not yet sure where we want to live. We wanted unfurnished because we wanted to bring our home with us, and anyway storage

costs can really escalate."

roblems lay in finding somewhere affordable and decent in the right part of south London. There was a lot around, but the rent was high, E400 a week, and they were awful. Often they had been rented to young sharers, because the bill could be split. The owners wanted families but the properties just weren't done up to that quality." In the end, the Wrights found a three-bedroom flat for which they pay £330 a week. With some storage, we're paying more now than the mortgage cost - but it's a bridging measure, says Rosie.

London is notorious for high rents. A two-bedroom apartment in central London rents for roughly twice the price of its equivalent in Berlin, Brussels or Paris — another powerful reason to buy. That drive to buy is much more muted on the Continent. "The biggest difference between here and the UK is that to rent in Berlin is much cheaper than buying," says Dominic Wolfeneber, a musician with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. He has been renting a spacious four-roomed apartment in Berlin, for two years. "I'm happy and I don't plan to change, he says. I pay around £400 a month; to buy would cost me perhaps £135,000." indeed, he says there is encouragement, in the form of tax relief, to invest in rental property: but he would not receive any tax break it he bought an apartment for his

own use. "Anyway, I prefer to live in a rented place because I don't have all the responsibility."

Patrick Bullick at Humberts says it's common in European cities for entire buildings to be owned by, for example, pension funds. They're not looking for the same rental yields. They are happy with five per cent. In London people were getting 8-10 per cent up to a year ago. though since then prices have gone up much faster than rent."

What's the prognosis for British renters? "It's becoming socially acceptable to rent," says Ms Part Head. There is a trend of younger people staying in rented accommodetion and not jumping on the buying bandwagon even now it's picked up again. They have memories of fingers burned in the 80s." But the allure of ownership remains, and unless price and quality are widely transformed, renting seems set to remain the goor relation in British eyes.

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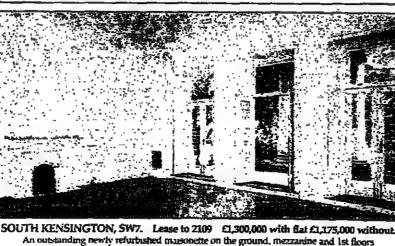
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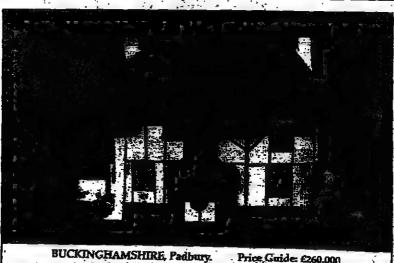
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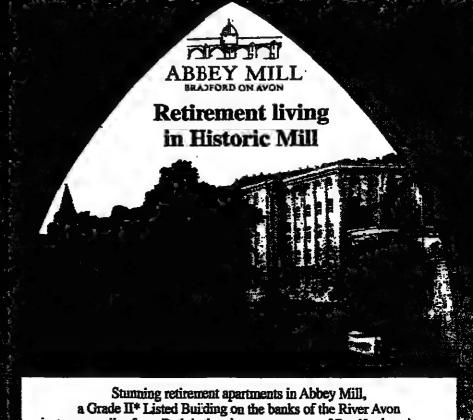
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Gone are the days of black and white. Today's clergy prefer to wear striking colours and vibrant designs

from the pews of the country church of Great Ayton there is a fine view of cooling towers, chemical plants and flare stacks. Not through the windows of this North Yorkshire church, but embroidered on the priestly stole of the Rev Geoff

The newly ordained Mr Jaques wanted his stole to reflect his career in industry. His cooling towers may raise clergy eyebrows, but they are part of a real attempt to brighten up religious vestments.

Ever since Dr Carey had his enthronement robes designed with television riewers in mind in 1992. clergy robes have become "louder". Getting the message across is now done via the wardrobe as well as the pulpit, iast month there was even a televised fashion show for

A handful of top ecclesiastical embruideters is turning out albs. stoles, chasubles and copes which combine traditional symbolism with heteroke preferences - any-thing from butterflies to the per dog which one of Jacquie Binns's customers wanted included in his Creation cope.

"His dog was part of God's creation, so I worked from a photograph and managed to incorporate a good likeness," suys the London-based designer whose work is distinctive for its 3-D effect. achieved by ruching and layering up to six depths of fabric.

Her influences range from Giotto to Francis Bucor and she uses her sewing machine and labrics "as a mould his brush and paints", she says, "People respond to art.

The Rev Val Hamer, vicar of St Mildred's Church at Addiscombe. Surrey, wore one of Ms Binns's chasubles, depicting a huge har-rowing scene of hell, for the fashion

She says: "People read less and are much more visually oriented these days. These ciothes can speak

Her inspiration for the harrowing scene come from a wallpainting at the medieval church of St Peter and St Paul in Chaldon. Surrey, in her former parish.

She says bufferfiles are a favourite symboli for women priests. because of their association with

Then does a per begin to feel the advance of

pld age? For cuts it is considered to be around ten-

years, for horses 15 years and

for dogs it depends on breed. In general, the higger the

breed the shorter the lifespan. a Great Dane can be elderly

at eight while a Jack Russell

can remain in and active up to

John Bower, co-author of

The Dog Owner's Veterinary

Handbook and a former Brit-

ish Veterinary Association

president, says today's pets

have a far greater chance of

living longer, healthier lives

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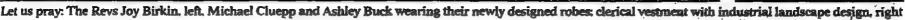
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The idea of the priestly new look is to make faith relevant by using a return to medieval ideas of picture power. What it says about standards of literacy may be depressbut the embroidery is ing, but the emundentiably gorgeous.

Gospatric Home, who runs the Christian Resources Exhibition at Park. Surrey, and organised last month's fashion show, pinpoints the effect of colour television and colour printing on

"We are entering a new colourful era now," he says. "We are up against declining congregations, and the last thing we want is to appear drab and dull. These vestments are a marvellous way of talking to people. The Archbishop of Canterbury showed the way."

The designer of that famous robe which caused almost as much hoo-hah as the Princess of Wales's wedding dress — was Juliet Hemingray, who may be the only ecclesiastical embroiderer in the country with her own web site.

"I was asked to come up with a design which had a symbolic message and would draw the

attention of people watching the ceremony at home," she says. The result was a riot of purple, red, orange, yellow and gold flames, rhinestones and metallic cord. And lots of front-page coverage.

he designers say their "new look" work is being commissioned by both Anglican and Roman Catholic clergy, and by young and old. The Rev Andrew Roberts, a minister with the normally soberly-clad

thing which would look a little jollier on wedding photographs than his usual lounge suit. Mr Roberts, 34, who is minister

at Methodist churches in Wordsley and Kingswinford near Wolverhampton, used money left to him. by his grandmother, a seamstress and churchgoer. He opted for a black suit.

fashionably cut in the high-necked Edwardian-style, with lavishly embroidered lapels. Gold stripes represent God's

light breaking into the darkness and, with weddings in mind a blue

and purple design symbolises the turning of water into wine. The response has amazed me. After it was on television, a couple of builders laying a path offered to be my agent," he laughs. "All sorts of people - staff in the bank, the

girls in the hairdresser's - have shown an interest in our church. It would have taken years of careful relationship-building to achieve this without the suit. It's all about communication."

The man who designed the cooling-towers stole is Brendon Quinn, proprietor of Croft Design

in Much Wenlock, Shopshire, where the top price for a stole is about £250.

A former chorister and server, who works in the shadow of the ruined St Milburga's Priory. he is an authority on vestments.

One source of inspiration is traditional - the colours and the symbols which have been handed down," he says. Advent and Lent, for example, have the penitential colours of blue, purple or sackcloth. White and gold are the colours of the resurrection. Green is for the Trinity and red for the martyrs. The saints have their symbols, often representing the way they

ther traditional motifs are lilies for the Virgin; the letters A and M intertwined for Ave Maria: Celtic, Ionian, Tau and Franciscan crosses; and the Greek letters alpha and omega.

We have so much of our own symbolism that we tend not to look at other fashion worlds for design though we do for fabrics." says Mr Quinn. The other source of inspiration is the customer, who may want to include aspects of his or her life and ministry. Everything is individual. What you want you can have. Yes, even cooling towers."

Mr Jaques, who was ordained a minister in secular employment, still works for ICI in Wilton, Teesside, and sees his ministry as being in the chemical company as well as the rural parish of Great

Behind the industrial scene on his stole are hills representing the North York Moors. Above the hills

God is in all these areas," says Mr Jaques. "Not just in the cross, not just in the rural scene, but in the industrial workplace. There has been a broadening of the people's perception of where their ministry

Church vestments are an opportunity to say what your ministry is. to build a bridge from the stone building of the church to the

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the life of your pet and improve its quality of what they can do - in terms of diet and health monitoring - to prolong their animals'

lives. More disturbing is the

been cured or stabilised if

proportion who are too terrified of hearing had news to take their pet to the vet. Mr Bowers says: "I cannot tell you how often people delay chemotherapy for cancers."

A third of this country's pets are considered elderly but taking a sick older animal to the vet for fear that it will be put to sleep," he says. "By the time they get to us, they often have animals with incurable diseases which could have ADOPT ME

> they'd come earlier." He recommends that, from the age of about eight, cats and dogs should have a health check every six months rather than every year: "Often, during routine checks, we can spot potentially big problems like internal tumours and treat them early, or remove a tooth that was giving an old dog a lot of pain and give him a new lease of life." A good insurance pulicy is one way of coping with the costs of an older pet. However, you may have to shop around — many insurers

Preventative measures should be taken to prevent sickness. Obesity is an obstacle to longevity in animals. causing health problems from diabetes and heart conditions to arthritis and increased anaesthetic risk.

nspayed and un-neu-tered animals face particular health hazards in older age. In bitches. and female cats this can mean mammary tumours or pyometra. a hormonally-induced womb infection - usually because they have never given birth - which can be latal. Older dogs who have not been castrated can suffer pros-

tate and anal turnours. Older cats are particularly prone to kidney disease and hyperthyroidism: a condition where excess thyroid hormones, usually as a result of a tumour, play havor with the cat's metabolic rate. Cats with pink-fleshed ears and noses are also highly susceptible to skin cancer in later life.

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Owners should make sure that older pets have a health check every six months

Mr Bower recommends a checklist of symptoms in older animals that should be a trigger to seek veterinary advice should they persist for no obvious reason. These are sudden weight gain or loss, increased thirst, change in behaviour, loss of appetite, persistent vomiting or diarrhoea and foul breath. It is also worth checking teeth for decay and skin for lumps and bumps, and note the onset of any wheezing and growing.

intolerance to exercise. Owners can soften the psychological impact of old age on pets. Mr Bower says: "People. often say older animals get clingy, but this is because they feel more vulnerable. Persistent pain of failing sight and hearing makes them more dependent so you need to be understanding. You need to treat them like you would treat your granny."

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I'm sorry to mean experience. A pre-pur-I'm sorry to hear of your chase examination can never be 100-per-cent foolproof but I still believe it's worthwhile getting a professional opinion before buying an animal. Faults present at the time of examination can usually be found but only a crystal ball can tell what's going to happen six months later.

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e tout Battersea is talking about it. Apparently there is a new report which says that the area we live in between Wandsworth and Clapham commons - has the highest concentration of young children in the whole of the European Union, Scary thought, Soon Kid Power, which is clearly on the rise, will be totally out of control and we parents of south London will be the first

in the firing line.
It is therefore a matter of some relief -since my sons' friends are my most avid readers, relaying a weekly critique of "Call that a job?". "What a crap thing to say" and "Sad" — that this will be my last column for some time. Come the revolution, J would be picked out as a propagandist for the Old Guard. Off with her head, the enfant infantry would that the cry. It is perhaps just as well that the head in question bears only a passing

resemblance to the mug in the shot. Much has been written about the varity of columnists who adorn their words with a photograph of a more youthful, sveite and handsome (the male of the species being no less culpable) a stroppy scribbler who had been foolish

Forget real life — I prefer fiction

fuelled skinny youth long, long ago, that she would rather have cancer than be fat. Since her curves have inflated to the ample side of sufficiency. I asked her why she persisted in using a photograph of herself as a hollow-cheeked punkette. "Well, it beats going on a diet, doesn't it?"
she squeaked. It is only now that I
appreciate the wit of her observation.

A flattering photograph is by no means the only form of disguise behind which a columnist can hide. There have been times during the past six months when I have felt like Daniel Day-Lewis "living" one of his cinematic characters. Instead of being a Mohican or a launderettist or a left-foot writer, I have almost begun to believe that I am the slightly deranged, Edina-esque figure who has made the odd guest appearance in this slot.

Reading your own column is a bit like listening to your own voice on a tape recorder — "Who is this person?" you ask yourself. "I don't really sound like that, do I?" The magnify-ing glass of the colhas a distorting effect on the people in one's life: the characters reduced to one or two of their salient traits tesquely exaggerated for the entertainment of the reader. Thus my husband has transmogrified into pinny-wearing Superdad, our older

son into a pompous

swot, and his younger brother into a haby delinquent. By bringing them to life on the page, they have ended up bearing as much resemblance to reality as fiction. One of the spookier aspects of columnlife is that it can start to dictate your everyday life. No sooner had I written

about my longing to escape the relentless

LIFE AND SOUL the Twilight Zone — I was on a plane bound for the North

GINNY DOUGARY

Pole. After I wrote about going to my first gig for a decade, idea of becoming a full-time clubber weirdly irresistible. This was not the real me talking, you understand, but the invented me; the trouble is that it is becoming increasingly difficult to tell them apart. Goodness

embark on my next project. The beauty of a novel, of course, is that when you tell people it is all made up they feel obliged to believe you. I will no longer have to apologise to everyone I

knows what havoc will ensue when I

have wittingly - or, more usually, unwittingly - offended. And I will no longer hear that tiresome little phrase, "Don't put this in your column, will you?"

Most people have been remarkably good-humoured about their involuntary

appearances. The boys' headmaster was only slightly put out when I wrote that his performance as MC at the spring term's Quiz Night was eerily reminiscent of Bruce Forsyth. He stopped me outside the school gates to say, shaking his head mournfully. I wouldn't have minded, except that I'd always modelled myself on Clint Eastwood,"

t the foot of my desk is a fat file of unanswered letters from readers who have been kind enough to write in. And I do mean kind. Most journalists' work is like sending a message in a bottle, not knowing whether anyone out there has received it. It has been a small revelation to discover that there is a relationship between writer and reader.

While I have pontificated on the differences between women and men, it may interest you to know that as many men have written in as women. This suggests - rather happily - that family matters matter as much to the male of the

The readers of this page are a broad church in the strict sense, too. When I made a passing reference to my spiritual vacuum. Catholics. Buddhists. Muslims and Evangelists all thought they had the answer for me. I had invitations to join several churches, including one from a vicar who asked his congregation to pray for me and my family in our quest for a faith. God — if he exists — be with you.

The letters I received when I wrote about my aged aunt, who had been in hospital for months (now housebound, but at least in her own home) were incredibly touching. There were so many gestures of goodwill and support; one woman, who had been a nurse before her retirement, despite her own family commitments as a busy grandmother. offered to go up to Edinburgh to help care for her. Kind, as I say.

So, thank you and happy holidays.

MARTIN BEDOA

A parents' guide to teenspeak

Don't know what a Bessie or a woodger is? You're a sad grundy

There was something a little alarming about the crumpled note that had fallen out of my daughter's bag. "Hi Bes-sie," it said. "Caught you being chirpsed by a right Disco Trevor. Sorry I left Dom's drum early but I was chonged

What, I wondered as I rummaged through her bag looking for other incriminating letters, was going on? Exactly what kind of sexual activity was chirpsing, what or where was Dom's drum and who on earth was Bessie?

Later that day, using an excuse that betrayed my guilt -"I found this in among your washing - I produced the note and casually asked after the welfare of Bessie and Disco. Treyor, .Her · ·

derisive laugh echced through the house. "Surely you. realise. I'm Bessie as in best friend and Disco Trevor is a term we use for flash boys in

Then why, I whispered, did you chirpse him? Chirpsed, she ex-

, in the parties."

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plained was a term meaning chatting up. And chonged? Tired out It was, for me, a defining moment. Discovering that your child no longer speaks its mother's tongue is the moment at which you discover that you have become - as my daughter might say a grundy (old person).

Of course, secret language has always been a part of teenage life. As an acned 14year-old I can remember carefully writing my rather sad diaries in a special code in order that only my, er, Bessie would be able to translate them. But I have no recollection of a shared street lingo of the kind currently being prac-tised by my 17-year-old daughter and her friends. For a few months in the early Seventies things were a bit outosight and groovy but we certainly did not have Gary Lagers (Disco Trevor's drunken side-

kick) or woodgers (idiots). Indeed, according to a new survey conducted by Dillons and Oxford Dictionaries, a rich language is emerging among 11 to 18-year-olds. More than 800 respondents from around the country revealed a surprising number of crude but expressive words that are so new to the teen vocabulary

of the world that you do have credibility have slipped in and out of our language for the past 40 years. But the pubescent patois used by my daugh ter and her contemporaries is much more elaborate.

ine patois used by teenagers these days is baffling

> foreign to adults. In a way, language repre-sents one of the lew routes open for rebellion for the emergent generation. Their parents, after all, are by and large baby-boomers who, in their own youth, did "sex, drugs and rock'n'roll. Just as cigarettes (orchs, chutneys) have become a largely teenage phenomenon now that they are soundly rejected by healthconscious adults, so language has become a way in which the

ate a teenspeak that Is entirely

vey reveals, exponents of this new slang are sometimes very. very young. A friend recently rang me in amazement to tell me how her ten-year-old son had turned to her in the middle of an argument about homework and shouted:

'Don't diss me woman." tonished to discover that many

that it will be many years - if ever — before they will make their way into the Oxford English Dictionary. It is difficult to work out why street slang should have acquired such importance today. Words that indicate to the rest

Traditionally slang developed among groups of people secret code - back-slang

(neves to ruof, for example, is bookies back-slame for seven-to-four bet). Rhyming slang and criminal slang were all used as covert ways of communication. And there is good reason to suppose that contemporary adosimilar need to cre-

from the older generation. Moreover, as the Dil-lons/Oxford Dictionaries sur-

young can distance themselves

Curiously, though, many of the words they are using are even older than their grundy parents. Jennie Miell, from Oxford Dictionaries, was as-



Teenagers feel the need to create their own vocabulary that is entirely foreign to adults. Language is the easiest way to distance themselves from the older generation

of the new words in this year's survey had encient origins. "It's interesting how other

uses of words are being revived among young people. Spoon, for example, which is used as idiot, is recorded in a similar sense in the Oxford English Dictionary from 1799," she says.

rum, as in Dom's drum, dates back to the OED of 1846 and means a house (often of ill repute) while snash can be traced back to Robert Burns who used it to mean impudent in 1786. Many of the new words have, too, a quite humorous and easily understood meaning - Merlin used to mean amazing is clearly the new term for "magic".

The most interesting seman tic shift seen in this new language is that from bad to good. Even the most conservative of parents will be aware that bad now means good tand wicked even better), so the whole thing has had to go one stage further so that you now have to be positively evil in

order to be passably good. Which goes some way to explain why this teen language moves so fast. Once words slip into common parlance and anyone over 30 understands them they are redundant.

So, by the time Bessie and Disco Trevor settle down together in the Oxford English Dictionary, they will have ceased to be proper teenspeak. And in 25 years', when they are both grundys, only they will know what the term

JANE GORDON

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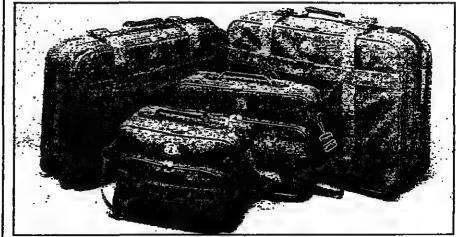
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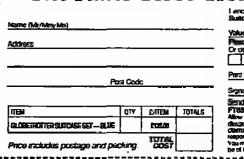
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Singing in celebration of the unsung



beard and noble carriage, the Right Rev Richard Chartres is arguably the most bishop-like bishop in

Britain. Add to this a formidable intellect and a reputation for eccentricity, and a worshipper's faith in the future of the Church of England can almost be restored.

My meditations along these lines were interrupted when an enormous dollop of holy water landed in my ear. Waving his aspergillum, or holywater sprinkler, with cheerful, episco-pal abandon, the bishop was wandering among the homeless, the refugees, the journalists, Aids sufferers and many others condemned and cast out by society. We were gathered in Holy Cross church near King's Cross station, where he had been summoned to bless the crypt, refurbished to the tune of £150,000.



Bishop Chartres: noble bearing

The crypt is the headquarters of the Holy Cross Centre Trust, one of the many, largely unsung, projects in the Church of England which are doing invaluable work in helping those who have fallen off society's bottom rungs. The trust aims to improve the quality of life for people with mental health problems, drug and alcohol users, the

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homeless and refugees. The crypt is not a treatment, rehabilitation or advice centre. "Users come to enjoy themselves," says the annual report. And our service was a clear example

of that philosophy in practice. Normally about 30 turn up for Sunday worship, but the church was packed with more than 200 for this

Margaret's had volunteered their time for free, and the anthems were extraordinary and unexpected. The Rev John Hayward, former curate of Holy Cross and a member of staff of the crypt centre, preached,

blessing service. Many of the profes-sional choir from the West End's St

giving thanks for the centre and its The atmosphere was one of celebra-

tion, the smiles of many of the people achieved against the odds and in spite of lives of almost unbelievable tragedy. After the holy water had been sprinkled, after the red ribbon had been cut, and when the cheers had died down, I shook my head to dislodge the water from my ear, and saw the bishop turn to wipe his eye. Whether this was a tear, or a further drop of holy water gone astray, it was impossible to tell.

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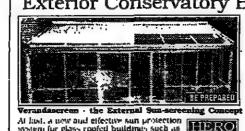
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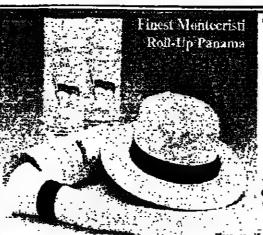
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It may sound corny but, with the Grand Scything Match only a few months away, I desperately need to know how to tie a sheaf-knot

DOWN TO EARTH

know that if they wish to insult a shipmate they have only to say of him that "he coils rope like a farmer". Apparently, there is little worse that can he said of a seaman.

be said of a seaman.

Having witnessed at first hand the indescribable tangles of string and rope with which farmers hold together everything from their buildings to their lives, there is clearly far less of the knot-tier's art to be seen around the countryside than at sea.

I suppose it all comes down to a matter

of life and death. The knots tied on ships, many of them conceived in the days of sail, are life-savers; knots tied by farmers are often done because some kind of failure has already taken place and the knot is the temporary repair rather than the solution. Hence the common marriage of a broken gate hinge and plastic bale string, which can last years while a new hinge is purchased, if ever. If the string should break, you just get more string — it is not as if the whole of the ship's rigging is suddenly going to come tumbling down about your ears. However, there have been times, when

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All at sea with a knotty problem farming, when I felt as though my whole life depended on the knot I had just fied: For example, I used to cart pigs in an old trailer which left a lot to be desired in the down to form a ramp which the pigs would walk up and it was then raised behind them. The problem was keeping it shut. I used a length of rope and tied it was the training to the problem.

up as best I could. I always knew there was a proper knot for the job and, indeed, being something of a sailor, I own a copy of the definitive Ashley's Book of Knots. But there never seemed to be time between the uncertain business of getting pigs into the trailer and setting off to go searching for a large volume and trying to master its contents. So I did what everyone else did, and hoped that a dozen granny knots on top of each other would hold. They always did, but never did I glance in the rear

mirror without my heart skipping a beat in case granny and her knot had let me

Knots are on my mind at the moment of all, this is the haycarting season (unbelievably late, be-June), and also because, as plans are made for our Grand becoming clear that

the winning team will be the one which can not only master the scythe but also the vital knot that

Hay first. It is just once every year that I have to pile bales on to a trailer and bring them home for safe-keeping. If I did it once a week, every week of the year, have learnt the prop-er way to tie the bales

which can solve all my problems, I know here is. I have even been shown how to do it, but my idleness has prevented me

down by now. But, nual event, I always come to it un-There is a knot

The problem is that you need a knot which enables you to haul tightly on the rope to secure the soft and spongy bales to the trailer, and then tie it without allowing any slackness to creep back into the rope. The knot which performs this trick is called, locally, a "dog's leg", and is so effective that it curriculum because it is of use to anyone who has tried to secure even a modest

I know that trying to describe knots in words ranks alongside ventriloquism by radio as one of the pointless arts, but any reasonable attempts I will pass on in the interests of national safety.

hich brings us to scything, and yet another tricky, but vital, knot. In a helpful letter from Steve Ledsham, of the excellent Acton Scott working farm museum in Shropshire, he includes instructions for making sheaves out of standing corn which has been cut with a scythe.

Clearly, cutting the corn is pointless if cannot be bundled and gathered, and the tradition was that a short rope was made by twisting a few straws, which was wrapped around the sheaf and then knotted in what was known as a corn

knot. Have you heard of a corn knot? I have only one reference, which cours in a book called *The Old Farm* by Thomas Hennell. He writes: "[Old farm workers] tie them with rapidity and definess. though they are often unable to do it deliberately or in material other than straw, and are nearly always totally incapable of explaining the process in

words". Hardly encouraging, is it?
The book then goes on to illustrate the point by highlighting the peoplesing difference between the Herdardshard sheaf knot, and the one commonly faund

on Romney Marsh in Kent. So this is something of an appeal for help. A definitive description of the "dog's leg" would be very welcome, although I have till this time near year to

get it right. But more urgent is that matter ϵf the corn, or sheaf-knot, which we must master before the scything contest, now only a few months away

To demonstrate how desperate we use. I might add that we are prepared to set aside our pride and take advice from a naval officer. No countryman has ever made a more generous sesture than that

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A new flight of locks will open up a beautiful stretch of waterway, cut off and isolated for the past 200 years



Stairway to canal-boat heaven

new section of canal is to be built linking two main waterways so that, by the turn of the century, it will be possible to drift leisurely down Britain's canals all the way from Lancaster to London and the English Channel

Design work has already begun on the new stretch of canal and a stairway of nine locks which will provide the vital missing link between the 40-mile stretch of the Lancaster Canal and River Ribble, providing access to the rest of the country's vast inland waterways network.

The locks will open up the Lancaster Canal, one of the most beautiful stretches of water, to thousands of canal cruisers from the South, to whom it has been inaccessible. The North-South divide

will disappear," says Cliff Fazackerley, chairman of the Ribble Link Trust, which has finally succeeded in turning a dream into reality. When the Lancaster Canal

was built, between 1798 and 1826, it was thought too expensive to join up the two waterways, but an injection of miliennium funding provid-ing half of the £5.4 million needed has given the project the green light. The trust is well on its way to raising the rest of the money.

Surveys have been carried out to the satisfaction of conservationists, and work is due to begin next spring. By 2000, many more boats will have access to the Lancaster section, the longest lock-free

stretch of canal in the country. passing through areas of outstanding natural beauty and the canalside towns of Garstang, Galgate, Lancaster and Carnforth. The new link will mean

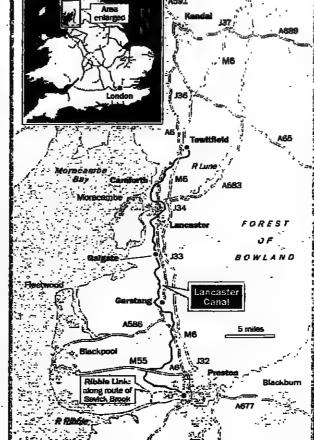
freedom from a cul-de-sac existence for 1,000 or more boats moored along the Lancaster Canal which, for 200 years, has come to an abrupt end near the Ribble near Preston. Although they can reach the Irish Sea at Glasson Dock via a single branch, they have been cut off from the rest of the country's intricate waterway system.

The link will play an important part in opening up the area to tourism and the leisure industry. In the past, the canal was used by boats carrying from Lancashire to Cumbria, and limestone on the return journey. But because the cost of building an aqueduct over the Ribble was prohibitive. cargo had to be unloaded on to horse-drawn tramway

which ran across the river on a trestle bridge.

Long after cargo boats disappeared there were several attempts to join the two sections of the canal. In 1984 the Ribble Link Trust was formed and has since recruited members from the boating community throughout the UK.

It proposed to create the missing link by using Savick Brook which passes under the canal and flows into the Ribble. The locks will lower the water level from the canal to the river by 17.5 metres. We are completing a piece



of history," says Mr Fazackerley. It was always intended that the canal should run from Wigan to the Lake District. It has taken 200 years for us to

ties for anglers and ramblers, transforming an overgrown and underused area of land into a wildlife corridor.

The new link will provide provide the missing link." access to the Preston Marina. Plans include creating facili-And if another group of waterways activists, the Northern Reaches Restoration Group, has its way, the journey will and over the motorway. In many places the abandoned stretch has become part of finally end not at Tewitfield where the canal was severed by the M6 in 1968 — but a further nine miles north at

Kendal in the Lake District.

The group is chaired by Hal Bagot, whose family has owned Levens Hall, near Kendal, for 700 years. Mr Bagot recalls tales of summer Sunday trips aboard a canal boat from Kendal to the picnic grounds of Levens Park.

Since the motorway was extended to carry thousands of tourists to the Lake District, that has been impossible. "The Ribble Link makes our plan for the Northern Reaches so much more exciting, because for the first time it links Lancaster to the rest of the world," Mr Bagot says.

t is important that we succeed because it would provide another means of entry to the Lake District."

Even when the Ribble Link is complete, the navigable stretch of the canal will end at Tewitfield, where the basin is carefully screened from the motorway by trees, although sadly the noise from three lanes of cars, lorries and coaches cannot be ignored.

The Restoration Group four local authorities, the British Waterways Board (BWB), charities and volunteer groups - do not underestimate the scale and cost of the task, estimated at around £20 million, to include links under

farmland, still incongruously spanned by stone canal bridges. Although some land owners may need persuading of the value of once again having a canal to divide their fields, an engineering study

has shown it is feasible. Derek Cochrane, northwest regional manager of BWB, says: "From our point of view, the prospect of being able to travel by canal to the Lake District is wonderful. It would create employment and increase good-quality tourism. "But it has got to be some thing for the whole community. At the moment we do not own all the land needed for the

canal to be reopened but we want the chance to explain to everyone what our aims are." Mr Bagot also harbours a personal dream. "I am a keen canalist," he says, showing off a photograph of an elegant wooden narrow boat

named Lady Heatherton. "She was once the committee boat of the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Com-pany, built in 1898. When she came up for sale 20 years ago, I couldn't resist. I'd love to be able to cruise home."

 The Waterway Receivery Group is looking for volunteers to help on the project. If you would like to help, contact: Neil Edwards, Waterway Recovery Group, Inland Waterways Association. 114 Regent's Park Road, London NWI 8UQ (0171-586 2510 or 017)-

LYNNE GREENWOOD

Swift way to find a mate

FEATHER REPORT

LOOK UP in the sky when you hear a swift screaming overhead, because in a week or two it will be heading south for Africa. Many of the young birds are already out on the wing, and they will be the first to go. The adults, who are somewhat emaciated after bringing up their nestlings, will gorge themselves on flying insects and recover their strength before they set out in the wake of their offspring.

Erich Kaiser, a German ornithologist, has just discovered something that even the swifts themselves can be baifled by -- how to distinguish the two sexes from each other. Mated pairs of swifts like to sit side by side having a screaming duet at the entrance to their nest holes in roofs and steeples. Together, they produce a note like "sree-ree". with each member of the pair contributing one syllable. What has never been ascertained before is which sex produces the opening, higherower-pitched "ree".

Herr Kaiser has a house near Frankfurt, with a broad gable at the front. He records in a recent issue of *British* Birds how he put up a large number of glass-backed nest-ing boxes for swifts behind the gable, and also made a room behind the gable where he could sit. The boxes were soon occupied, and he could watch the domestic life of all the swifts simultaneously, as though they were taking place on a great instrument panel in

front of him.

They did not mind the lighting in the room and, as the males mated with the females, or the females laid their eggs, he was able to distinguish their sex simply by their actions. Then he was able to record their sex by marking their tails with distinctive dots of paint.

After that, watching them when they were duetting, he was quickly able to establish that it was the females who make the "sree" note and the males the "ree" note.

The swifts use these calls at other times, too. They themselves probably cannot distin-

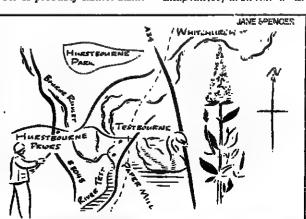
alone. Anyway, in their nestholes they are normally in the dark. But they recognise each other's calls. Normally, when a swift flies up to a nest hole and outs its head in. It gives the distinctive "sreet" or "res" call, according to its rex. A male doing this may be look ing for an empty hole, a female for a mate. If there is a male inside, he will chase such intruding males off. If there is a female inside, the will chase other females off.

However, neither of them will chase away a member of the opposite sex. Most interestingly, it a hird comes in seeking shelter in cold weather, it will take care not to call



at all - and then it will be left alone by both of the pair and allowed to sia, and sleep, because it has not sexed itself. How amazing birds are. Every time we learn something new about them, we realise again the enormous variety of behaviour that has evolved to enable each species

to survive. DERWENT MAY ■ What's about: Birdem — v Shetland and a lesser sellowlegs at Dungeness, Kent. Twitchers look out for a large numbers of startings feeding on figing onts. Details from Birdine, 2001 700222. Calls cost Alp a minute



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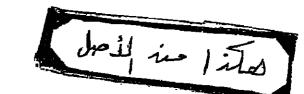
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The endlessly shifting sands of Arabia

Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Oman offer dramatic contrasts of how ancient cultures are learning to cope with a sudden influx of Western oil money

n a Dubai bookshop, among the gaudy trap-pings of the oil culture, I came across an edition of Sands. "I went to southern Arabia just in time," he wrote. If anyone goes there now looking for the life I led they will not find it ... They will bring back results far more interesting than mine, but will never know the spirit of the

The siger had made a camel ride in exactly these parts. crossing from Salala in south Oman to Dubal with nothing to eat except a handful of tribesmen for company.

That was the way life was as ecently as 1960, and had been for 7,000 years. The nomadic people lived in tents and traded dates and pearls with Iran, Iraq and India, sailing down the Dubai creek, a natural fissure in the brilliant coast of the Arabian peninsu-

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cent-shaped dhow.

Pearl fishers wearing just a nose clip and leather finger nagian sea urchins in these at a time. They dived many times a day on four-month trips, earning a pittance compared to the pearl merchants who maded their wares in the teeming souks. These merchants reclined on divans under windcooled towers made of coral and mud. smoking hookahs and delighting in the bright clothes of their. women — once they had shed the black

on the streets. Today the Dubai creek is lined with modern architecture - each architect vying to work the theme of the dhow sail more improbably in concrete or glass. It has taken little more than 30 years to transform this. part of an especially savage desert into a garden full of bougainvillaea and Indian almond trees, irrigated with recycled sewage and desalinated water. Sprinklers play year-round on the spongy turf. of the splendid golf courses. where delicious Gulf grouper is served on European china in state-of-the-art clubhouses.

outer carapace of the chador they donned

very commercial act² ivity under the sun is here, including Russian prostitutes in skinny minis. The local men. wearing the white jellaba and black string headdress, prowl the Western bars while the local women are well nigh invisible. The only activity on the streets is from bustling Pakistanis, Indians, Sri Lan-kans and Filipinos and expatriate Brits - a bullish but nostalgic breed who call their home rather wistfully "the Yookay" and, like well-paid worker bees, keep the hive going while the ruling classes enjoy the honey.

And what honey there is. It comes from billions of barrels of oil a day. It has built schools, hotels, hospitals and roads where once there was nothing but windswept sand. It has moderated the climate and jerked the community from the Stone Age into the 2ist century without pausing

along the way.
The United Arab Emirates. of which Dubai is probably the most ostentations, have reacted in different ways to this phenomenon. In Dubai the macho pleasures Thesiger. enjoyed, pitting himself against implacable nature. have been translated into modern entertainment: wadibashing in air-conditioned four-wheel drives and sand skiing in a red desert that recalls nothing so much as the



sandboard on to sunstrated dunes so hot that they sandblast the skin, does one get a brief idea of the pain Lawrence of Arabia must have endured crossing the anvil of the world. Only briefly, bathing amid dramatic rocky outcrops in cool wadis left over from the

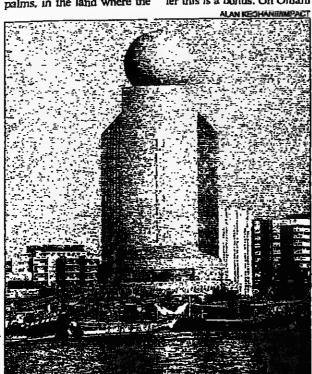
expensive horse race in the



world-class socialites, it has its duty-free shopping and its famous gold market. In the not too distant future, Jamaila beach will resemble nothing so much as Palm Beach in Florida.

For the time being, there is one hotel that outdoes the rest. the Jebel Ali. Forty minutes drive from the city, it lies on a perfect beach in a 40-acre garden filled with peacocks. You can ride, swim of course, and practise every water sport except jet-skiing, which has been outlawed because of its nuisance value — it is available elsewhere in Dubai. Or you can just bask under the mature coconut palms imported from Florida at a cost of £4,000 a throw. The trees travel with their own horticulturist who nurtures them on the flight and each comes with a year's guarantee.

The same palms line the road from town, spaced ten metres apart. At these prices I calculated this little stretch has cost the ruling Maktoum family £2.5 million in civic horticulture alone. The imported palms, in the land where the



Magnificently modern: Telephone building in Dubai

local date paim once ruled are an apt metaphor for a place transformed by funny hundreds of oil drums from the deep-sea fishing boats that go out to catch marlin morn ing and night. Abu Dhabi, on an island to

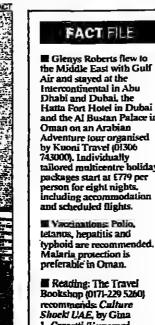
the west, is by contrast a haven of peace. The name means Father of the Gazelle watering at a well founded the city on the same spot. Since then the Sultan has tried to transform the desert into Utopic with varying degrees of success. A world traveller, he has reproduced his favourite spots and turned the little state variously into Cannes or the Caribbean or California. Just as in the South of France there is a corniche separating the expensive hotels from the beaches, so there is in Abu Dhabi, and since in France there are no bridges across the highway, none are allowed in Abu Dhabi. The Sultan has his own ideas, too, such as

dumping the rubble from old buildings into the sea to make a potless even in the fish market, where regulations insist that the catch, including pathetic embryonic sharks, is all sold on the same day. The atolls, palm trees and the climate remind one of the Florida

Keys, with all the associated water sports. Except, there is also the marvellous calm associated with Islam at its best. where the loudest sound is the muezzin puncturing the hot stillness as he calls the faithful to prayer five times a day. Even the local requirement,

all over the region, for women to dress in ankle-length clothes on the street, seems less politically incorrect by Western standards than blissfully relaxing, and not at all at odds with a place where the flesh can stand only so much sun. Somnolent Abu Dhabi boasts every middle-class pleasure, from golf to drinking, in completely safe circumstances. Only a masochist turns to crime here, where he will do hard labour in a temperature of more than 100F.

The rest of the eastern half of the peninsula is taken up with the state of Oman, its blue mountains ending in a jewelled sea. It is a perfect setting and under Sultan Qaboos bin Said the proud philosophy has been "slowly, slowly". Consequently, though oil has improved the lot of the locals, there is none of the overt decadence that comes with sudden wealth. For the traveller this is a bonus. On Omani





A refreshing shower for a bird of prey after a hard day's desert flying. Old traditions survive in Dubai in spite of it embracing the 21st century

streets one still sees the people who are hidden in the north, including women and children. It is a real society.

he ethnic dwellings sit side by side with luxury hotels, office blocks and white colonial villas, and the seafaring people centuries of different genetic influences - the Sultan was also once the Sultan of Zanzibar. There are negroid Omanis and blue-eyed Omanis, all looking equally majestic in the blue dish-dash and embroidered brimless hat

of the region, many speaking an excessively polite English. The rush-covered souk by the port has goods from all over the Orient, a living legacy of Oman's trading history. and its balconied houses and slimline boats recall Malta, North Africa, Spain and even Venice. Today its traders still

and the Al Bustan Palace in Oman on an Arabian 743000). Individually tailored multicentre holiday

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sit cross-legged on rush mats but they now use calculators and mobile phones, and the economy is secure enough for there to be a limit to how much

they will bargain. Yet you can understand why Thesiger was charmed, for there is plenty to fire the imagination still. How many Lord Jim stories, Westerners lost in the siren souks of the Orient, must have been reenacted over the centuries in the ports and forts bordering on these warm waters?

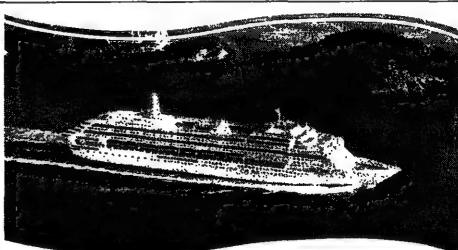
Today Oman is just an eight-hour flight from Britain and its showcase hotel, the Al Bustan Palace - with its feet in the Indian Ocean and its back to the mountains, with its range of sports, its jazz bar, its royal suites and international prices — is as luxurious as any in the world. Yet just five minutes away on a neighbouring beach the old gentlemen play chequers in the sand at sunset beside their blue dhows, just as they did when nobody would have known what to do with oil.

The Omanis are well aware how delicate is the balance between past and present, in the ecological sense they have moved into the future faster than their sister states. The Arabian oryx, which had been shot nearly to extinction, is being reintroduced - everywhere by the roadside are little statues of the animal to remind citizens of their duty to the local wildlife. And when I pointed out plastic bags jettisoned by passing ships on to a near-perfect beach I was assured the matter would be brought up at the next meeting of the ecological committee.

Thesiger deplored the Western litter in the UAE, where it is nothing to find Coca-Cola cans in an otherwise virgin

Tourism may be relatively new to Oman but at least that means they have the opportunity to learn from everyone else's mistakes.

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Bali and Lombok: The lush islands beguile Brian MacArthur, while the world's finest hotels pamper him

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t is seven o'clock and across the countryside the roosters are crowing. The mist is rising over the rice fields beyond the gorge and the birds are singing their hearts out in the towering banyan tree. Over the garden wall a mother and her child are carrying their morning offering to the family temple. Outside my house, in the garden beyond the lily pond. the pool is warm and I swim naked before breakfasting under a thatched pavilion on papaya juice and newly-baked

It is another new dawn at the Amandari resort in Bali and nowhere else in the world - apart from the rainforest at Cape Tribulation in Queensjand - have i feit such a sense of being away from it all and in an utterly different culture. even though the busy life of Ubud, the island's cultural capital, goes on only a few hundred yards away.

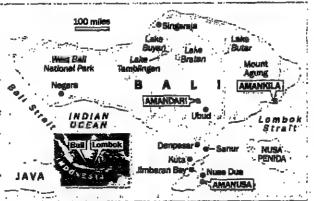
Every new morning was equally memorable during a recent week in Bali and the neighbouring island of Lombok. On one we took a picnic breakfast high up under the volcano at Mount Agung. We had the hill to ourselves and we sat under a memorial to the freedom fighters who fought the Dutch, and looked down across the wooded landscape to the Lombok Strait. It seemed empty of human life but hidden by the trees there were hundreds of families tending their fields along the roads up the mountain.

On another I had a Lulur Royal massage. After an hour of pummelling, my body was smeared with a solution of turmeric and herbs. I was rinsed down and then plastered with cold voghurt before being put into a relaxing rosepetal bath. On another we went by boat from Lombok to the three almost uninhabited Gili islands, swam on a coral reef, and as we looked back to Lombok, with its highest mountain shrouded in mist and its deserted, palm-fringed beaches, it was as if we were

alone on the planet. Saying that you are going to Bali elicits envy but what greets you - after 13 hours to Singapore and another twoand-a-half hour hop to Denpasar with Qantas very different to the Bali of the imagination. This is not the desert island we visit with Sue Lawley every Sunday. That idyll ended long ago. The



Above left: a moss-covered stone carving at Ubud, Bali's cultural capital. Above: Away from the tourist centres, life goes on as it has for centuries with the Balinese tending their spectacular rice fields



al hotel chains are developing

the "resorts" with suites,

swimming pools, tennis courts, golf, health spas, and

several restaurants, all set in

acres of grounds, which mean

that some tourists need never

see anything else of Bali at all.

centres, and within easy reach

by car, most of Ball remains a

population of Bali is almost three million, there are nearly four million tourists a year, it shares the booming prosperity of Indonesia, and the main road north from the airport at Denpasar, thronged with cars and motorbikes, seems almost as busy as the M4. The main danger in Bali, according to Lonely Planet, is traffic.

Yet tourism has wisely been confined to a few enclaves, mainly around the southerly Bukit peninsula at Nusa Dua,

lies where life goes on as it has for centuries and where the vibrant Balinese culture of art, architecture, music and dance gentle Balinese still tend their rice fields, mind the family cow and chickens, fish from small boats, encourage their neatly uniformed children to school and observe the Hindu faith and its frequent festivals, ceremonies and processions. The women seem to carry everything on their heads. Kuta (popular with Australians), Sanur and Jimbaran ali, the Hindu en-Bay across from the airport. It clave of Muslim Inis here that the big internation-

donesia, is a deeply religious society. There are Hindu shrines everywhere, whether in family homes, dotted throughout the countryside and even in the hotels, each newly bedecked with daily offerings. At one hotel a resident paying \$600 a day was required to wait in Away from these tourist reception while his new swimming pool was blessed. There are also magnificent Hindu temples, the cathedrals of Bali.

green and lush island of

mountains and volcanoes,

sandy beaches, tropical jun-

gles and spectacular rice pad-

The villages, with houses set back from the roads and with gardens of flourishing frangipani and bougainvillea and flowers in every colour of the rainbow, are as neat and tidy as if they were set around Reigate or Knutsford. I was reminded of India's Goa or Kerala but without the mess, the crowds, the dirt or the begging. When we visited the royal palace at Amlapura, the nearby water palace at Tirtagangga, with its pools and ponds surrounded by beautiful rice fields, the magnificent Kehen temple and Lake Batur last month - all well away from the main centres — we were the only

Yet it was Lombok, a 25minute flight eastwards. mainly Muslim island of soaring mountains, spectacular forested valleys and deserted beaches, that was a revelation. The Bali I had imagined was found in Lombok, now the second fastest growing desti-nation for British Airways Holidays. Landing at the airport, a small hut surrounded by well-tended flower beds

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The Amankila resort, like others in the group, is the ultimate in discreet luxury

with a runway set into a field was like arriving at a small Caribbean island. For those who really want to get away from it all, there are basic rooms on the nearby Gili islands, each with only about a hundred inhabitants and which offer outstanding diving, for \$5 a night.
With a population of 2.3

million, Lombok is only now being discovered. It gets just 350,000 tourists a year and as yet there are only a handful of luxury hotels, including the newly opened and utterly enchanting Oberoi on Medana beach in the northwest. It was built by the same architect who designed the Amandari and shows the same inspired use of water, palm trees and uplit floodlighting to create at night the illusion of being on the set of an operatic version of South Pacific. There were children living in the woods behind the beach who had never before seen sunglasses.

There is still a backpackers' Bali and there are many modest, decent and cheap hotels. Yet Bali also has three or four of the world's most outstanding hotels, if hotel is even the right word to describe them. They are for once-in-a-lifetime holidays. idyllic honeymoons or away-from-itall retreats for those who want to drop off the world for upwards of £2,000 a week.

Amanresorts, dotted throughout South East Asia, are the creation of Adrian



In a world of its own: the Amandari resort near Ubud

Zecha, an inspired Indonesian-born hotelier, and even their rivals describe them as The Best. The word "Aman" has entered the language as an adjective indicating understated comfort, privacy and prodigious expense, according to Nicholas Coleridge, managing director of Conde Nast's stable of glitzy magazines, who ought to know.

Amanresorts are the ultimate in escapist but unvulgar luxury. There are three in Bali - the Amanusa on a hilltop overlooking Nusa Dua, the Amankila built on stilts and walkways set into a steep cliff an hour north, both with nearby beaches, and the Amandari in Ubud. Each is built in Balinese style and offers discreet shelter, refuge and privacy for visitors who want to go unrecognised and be left alone.

Enter an Amanresort and you are enfolded in a world that sets its own standards there are no televisions but there are well stocked libraries of books and CDs. The resorts are not really hotels but small villages set in acres of gardens. "suites". Suite, however, is the wrong word. Each is in fact a small house or pavilion with as much space as the average English home (At the Amandari I had an upstairs wood-panelled bedroom with a king-sized bed, reached by a circular staircase, and the sybaritic treat of an outdoor sunken bath.)

any suites are set in walled courtyards with their own swimming pool, garden, dining pavilion, though each resort has other pools, floodlit at night, in the spacious grounds and gardens. With five to six staff to each guest, the service is outstanding. Ask for an alarm call and breakfast at seven and both occur on the dor, 15 minutes later they ring to check you have not gone

back to sleep. Another outstanding resort is the Four Seasons, with 147 Balinese villas set in their own monies, tours of Emples and visits to artists, workshops.

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Prices want from ELECOPP for seven mights in a ville at the Poor Seasons and £1,960pp for seven nights in an Amandari strite, based on room only, and include economy class flights by Qantas via Singapore and private car transfers

Seven nights in a terrace pavilion at the Oberot in Lombok start from £1245pp (room only) including all flights and private car transfers.

Quartes (0345 747767) flies to Denpasar three times a week. Prices start from £1,035 until August 31. One way business class fares start

The wet season is from October to March. June, July and August are particularly dry. The islands are eight bours ahead of GMT.

UK residents do not need vaccinations but anti-malarial precautions are recommended for

Reading: The Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5260) recommends: A Tale from Bali, by Vicks Baum (OUP, £15.95); Island of Ball, by Miguel warrubias (Kegan al, £17.95); An Empire of the East, by Norman Lewis (Picador, 15.99; Bali Handbook (Moon, £13.99).

I visited Bali on a whirlwind tour of six hotels in a party of four experienced and well travelled British journalists, none of whom is easily impressed. But we all were, and each of us would happily return to any of the hotels we visited (including the new Ritz Carlton resort next door to the Four Seasons which would certainly be the best for children). All of us thought the Amandari was the best "hotel" we had ever stayed in but the Aman example is being imitated throughout South East Asia, and Aman resorts will soon have several rivals. Meanwhile, a mix of the Four Seasons, the Oberoi in Lonbok and any of Bali's Aman resorts will offer a holiday that will be remembered for the



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JELAB (c) A hooded cloak worn in Morocco. From the Arab jilyab a tunic. "His dress was hardly less brilliant — a chocolate jellab over a kaftan of several colours."

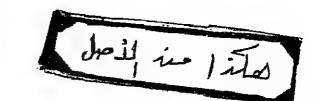
(b) A seat for two or more, fitted with railing and canopy, erected on the back of an elephant. From the Persian and Urdu haudah and modified from the Arab haudaj meaning a litter carried by a camel or elephant. "A gorgeous howda deck'd the beast."

JOUGS

(a) An old Scottish instrument of punishment or torture which consisted of an iron collar which was locked around culprit's neck and chained to a wall. From the French joug or Latin jugum yoke. "If hereafter she should be found drunk, she should be put in the

(c) To limp, hobble. From the German dialect humpen, himpen and the Danish dialect hompen, to hobble. "Larne of one leg and himping all his dayes."

walled courtyard gardens with pool and fountain, all overlooking the sea and beach and regularly voted the best resort in the world by Apierican tra-vellers. The sights of Bali can be reached easily from any of them and they also ofter jungle treks, viewings of Hindu cere-



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From Bartok to bungee jumping

Qantas flight to Hong Kong. By the time we arrived there, after spending 14 hours in the air and 45 manues at Banganother, for opera enthusiasts tend to be annable creatures who enjoy arguing about their favourite compoers and sing-ers without coming to blows. Our group was a diverse collection of people from a variety of backgrounds, from all parts of the British Isles and faither afield, and rang-

ig widely in age. The dingerary was well organised, with excellent hotel accommodation everywhere, and guides were available in each place to show us the sights and advise on additional optional tours.

. Although it was primarily opera that had attracted us, we were able to spend long enough in each country usually five or six days -- to be able to indulge in plenty of sightseeing. A variety of tours was on offer, or one could simply sit by the pool and study a libretto instead. In Hong Kong, for example, where the annual arts festival was in progress, some of us merely went on local tours to Victoria Peak and Stanley Market but others took the hydrofoil to Macao, or went off one morning at 6am to spend a long day in China.

We all reassembled at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre for a performance by the Canadian Opera Company a dribble bill consisting of Barrok's Bluebeard's Castle and Schoenberg's Enwartung in imaginative stagings by the vogueish Robert Lepage, here forest, was not to everyone's taste but we agreed that the Bartok was impressive. On to Sydney, where the

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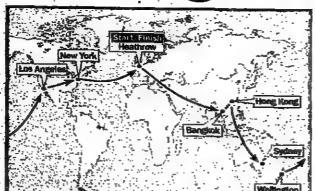
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(Fidelio) and Sydney (Tosca).

Dalila, with Placide



can flag, which looks somewhat like a beach towel, was Those in our party who had never before seen the city, the harbour or the opera house were, of course, bowled over

On our first day, a few of us lunched at a restaurant called Edna's Table, which I had assumed would be decorated with photographs of Dame Edna Everage: Not so. I never found out who Edna was, but the restaurant is run by a couple who had been introduced to native Australian food by the Gogadia tribe of Aborigines in north-western Australia, and their menu includes emu, char-grilled fillet of kangaroo and Northern Territory magnie goose. I chose the Moreton Bay bug and bunya-nut ravioli. Scrumptious.

To audiences consisting largely of dedicated coughers. the Australian Opera performed Fidelio and Cav and Pag. with predominantly antipodean casts headed German tenor, Horst Hoffman (a magnificent Florestan

but a seriously miscast Canio). The company's standards of are high, and of course our group fell in love with the Sydney Opera House — or at the standard joke, which is that Australia has a first-class. opera house, whose exterior is in Sydney, whose auditorium

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is in Melbourne and whose orchestra pit is in Brisbane. A member of the audience added grumpily that the car park is in Adelaide.

While we were in Sydney, the city mounted its annual Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras. Some of our group chose to escape north, to Cairns and the Barrier Reef, for a couple

Our first port of call in New Zealand was Christchurch, where every other shop collectors. Not surprising. really, for there can't be much else to do there. But the rest of New Zealand's South Island was spectacular. We had five days there, crossing the giant forest-clad, snow-tipped train, the Tranzalpine. We cruised in an old steamer on the fiord-like Milford Sound, to marvel at the mountains surrounding us and photograph basking seals and ca-vorting dolphins.

Three of us circled over fantastic glaciers in a helicopter and landed on one, the Franz Josef Glacier. We had hreakfast at a farm where we watched sheep being sheared. and one intrepid member of our group did a bungee jump at the spot where that weird activity first came into being.

In the charming lakeside resort of Queenstown, . we were disturbed from slumber on two consecutive nights when the fire alarms in our hotel were activated, and we all rushed down to the lobby in our bulky hotel bathrobes only to be told that the alarm had been set off by Japanese

tourists smoking in their rooms. (At 5am? What can they have been smoking?) In the bird sanctuary, we saw a sad, lonely kiwi: I had everyone they were We flew up to Wellington for

Janacek's Katya Kabanova,

whose New Zealand premiere

was being held in an

architecturally striking modern auditorium, with Czech principals, a British conductor (David Parry) and an Australian director (Gale Edwards). Absolutely first-rate. In Los Angeles we stayed at the Marina del Rey Hotel. surrounded on three sides by the marina. What a great

where the Los Angeles Opera performs, but then nowhere in LA is near anywhere else. Our group spread out, some wandering away to the Hun-tingdon and Paul Getty Museums, or across to Catalina Island. One or two may even

location. Not very near the

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion,

have guiltily sneaked off to do

the Universal Studio tour or even to Disneyland. I admit to

exploring the Queen Mary,

which is ignominiously

moored at Long Beach as a

Our LA opera was Cosi fan tutte, beautifully performed

by an international cast in a

production by Peter Hall tto

my mind, the finest director of

New York. The operas there,

We ended our world tour in

well up to the Met's

dauntingly high standards of pro-

duction and perfor-

mance, were La

Forza del Destino

with Placido Do-

mingo and Sharon

Sweet, conducted

by James Levine.

and Carmen with

the delectable

On our spare night, several of the

Denyce Graves.

group managed to get seats for Show Boat.

opted for Verdi's Attila at the

City Opera but changed my

mind and instead saw Master

Class, Terrence McNally's

Technically interesting but su-perficial, saved by Zoe Cald-

well's stunning performance

A full day tour of the Hudson Valley, with visits to the Vanderbilt Estate and

Roosevelt's Hyde Park man-

cruise of New York's harbour.

and then it was time to hop on

to an American Airways over-night flight, refuse the food

and the movie, go to sleep and

wake up as we approached

We all agreed that it was a most exciting and enjoyable three weeks, and a great way

to catch up with what's hap-

pening in the world of opera.

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ful collection of Baroque pavillions, gallenes and gardens, Later see the Semper Opera

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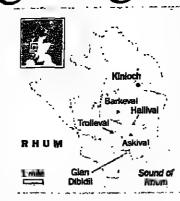
Rum goings-on for Hearty Outdoor Types

There is a certain dubious cachet in announcing to acquaintances that you have quite satisfying to leave the remark hanging unexplained in the air and wander off, apparently none the worse for a seven-day bender. Or you can elucidate, to the effect that the Rhum is one of the Small Isles over the sea from Skye, a bleakly beautiful island nature reserve with 2,000 red deer and one phone box. Neither option will dent any air of enigma you may wish to cultivate.

In fact, a holiday on Rhum these days is only for Hearty Outdoor Types and seekers of peace, Carving through a black sea on the roundthe houses ferry from Mallaig, I thought vaguely about getting off at the sister islands of Eigg or Muck. both of which looked distinctly more welcoming than the view of Rhum's cloud-swathed peaks and grey, unrelenting moorland. But at closer quarters Kinloch, the harbour and focus of Rhum life, is altogether less daunting - a haven of bright greenery and a handful of little white houses clustering along the shoreline around the expanse of

Until last year the island's extraordinary castle, built in 1884 by the Bullough family and host to (among other celebrities of the day) Edward VII, operated as a hotel: £84 a night secured accommodation in a time warp, a sort of crumbling museum of faded opulence in which everything - furniture, silk wall coverings, pornographic reading matter — was as the family left it.

Lack of funds for maintenance have led to the hotel doors being closed, except for a daily guided tour



Goings On. Edward VII's affair with the mistress of the house: the master's preference for small boys; teethmarks on the bedpost: our drily suggestive guide had a bottomles store, as it were, of irresistible gossip. It is still possible to stay in much less flamboyant style in the hostel round the back, which also operates an unexciting restaurant.

If you do not stay there, the two options are to brave the midges and camp, or to rent one of four basic bothies around Kinloch which are administered by Scottish Natural Heritage. These sleep between six and 12 and smaller groups may find themselves sharing with others. We had Stable Bothy to ourselves, however, at £4.50 each per night.

I had been prepared — sort of —

for something only marginally less frontier-like than a tent. So it was thoroughly uplifting to find a solid and spacious building with views across the bay, lots of hot water, a cooker and an eclectic selection of kitchen implements, a woodburning stove blasting out heat, a loo and a dangerously temperamental show-



Kinloch Castle, built in 1884, is full of irrestible historical gossip

Admittedly, there was no floor covering to speak of and only six chairs between seven ("See what you can find in the bothy next door." ested the warden in confidential tones, "everybody else does . . . "]. However, once I was installed by the

woodburner with a glass of sherry, watching the swallows cavort in the mid-evening sun, an upturned laundry basket seemed entirely adequate

We knew we were coming to Rhum to be Hearty Ooutdoor

FACT FILE -

To book accommodation on Rum, contact the Scottish Natural Heritage (north west region). Rum National Nature Reserve. The White House, Isle of Rum PPH43 4RR, (01687 462026 and

Ferries to Rum go from Mallaig, contact the Caledo McBrayne booking office, (01463 717680).

Types, but I nursed fond notions of an evening or two spent working through a selection of single malts in a cosy bar, while in the corner the locals exchanged gossip and nodded gently into their drams. There were two stumbling blocks to this vision. First, there is no bar (even when it was open, the hotel's licence extended only to diners). The nearest anyone comes to a communal watering hole is the front step of the general store and post office, can of McEwans lager in hand. Second, there are no locals. Everyone who lives on Rhum is employed by Scottish Natural Heritage or is a volunteer conservationist, with the exception of the teacher, who currently has two pupils.

The island's interest for naturalists is centred in part on the red deer population which roam the hills freely; we would turn a corner and find a little group grazing on rough grass. But Rhum is also home to numerous species of bird, including sea eagles and well over 100,000 Manx shearwaters which nest in holes on the mountain tops. Visitors come to absorb the wildlife and to walk or climb. In fact, there is no

option to walking as there are no vehicles on the island except for those used by the conservation workers. The main walking routes out of the bay - south around the coast, inland towards the ring of mountains at the heart of Rhum, or along the low-level "road" to the west coast - are well used; leave them and it can rapidly become a matter of improvisation, screescrambling and bog-hopping.

However, in a region where the balance between raincloud and sunshine is generally a fine one, each day's activities have to be weather-dictated and similarly spontaneous. We climbed to the top of a whorl of peaks - Barkeval. Hallival and the highest, Askival -and are lunch in the sunshine on the top of the world, staring across a spatter of islands and scudding cloud reflections to the Cuillin mountains on Skye.

ne blazing day, with the luxury of Glen Dibidil entirely to ourselves, we skinny dipped in the stream and lay on hot rocks to dry off before the yertiginous slog up to Trolleval. The following afternoon, in a penetrating drizzle, we walked damply around the coast to inspect the Bullough family mausoleum, a grim neoclassical affair with considerable potential as a Hammer Florior set.

Would I go back to Rhum? Yes. For a sense of space, exercise and exhibitration, for the pleasurably nofrills accommodation, to watch the weather across the sea. And where else could we come away with change from £50 for a six-night stay?

FAITH GLASGOW

Time for a wee dram



Bowmore: £4,000 a bottle

OF SCOTLAND'S 100 or so malt distilleries, harely a dozen are sited on the northern and western isles. But there is sufficient variety among them to allow for hours of that one upmanship of the palate that once was the exclusive preserve of wine afficionados.

If you cannot travel north, you will find the following island eight, and about 500 other vatted, blended and single whiskies, at England's finest Scottish off-licence which is Milroys, found at 3 Greek Street, London W1.

Talisker: ten years old, 45.8 (ABV). The only distillery on Skye. Highly individual, but different from the great Islay malts. The usual west coast flavours of peat and kippers replaced by pepper. Highland Park: 12 years old,

40 per cent ABV. Orkney's great gift to mankind. The great middle-of-the-roader. an excellent nightcap from Scotland's most northerly distillery, which also deserves first prize for bottle design. bile of Jura: ten years old, 40 per cent ABV. The only distillery on an island where deer outnumber people. Light and dry, with a hint of fino sherry.

A pleasant, anytime drink. Bowmore: 40 years old, 40 per cent ABV. You will pay £4,000 for this limited edition of only ery's 1955 production. No bot-fles available to tasters, so we must take the distillery's word that it is veivety, soft, smooth, amazingly light for such age and that on the palate it resembles waves of soft fruit. with lighter unhurried oak and peat notes.

Poir Dhubh: 12 years old, 46 per cent ABV. Another vatted malt which, as it is produced on Skye, probably contains a fair proportion of Talisker, mixed with malts from other sources. Full-bodied, dark and smoky, with citrus undertones. Pronouncing it (" Potch Ghoo') is best attempted be-

fore drinking.

Lagavutin: 16 years old, 43 per cent ABV. The big daddy of the island whiskies, and rated by some commosseurs the finest malt in all Scotland. One of eight distilleries on Islay, Lagavulin produces a spirit that is complex and sophisticated but without being over-powering. Magnificent. Bunnahabhain: 12 years old, 40 per cent ABV. Lightest of

the Islay malts, short on peat and smoke but long on the fresh aroma of sea air. Sales probably unfairly depressed by the world's inability to pronounce it ("Boona-havin"). Port Ellen: 18 years old, 43 per cent ABV (bottled for Milroys). Rare, as the distillery has spent some years in moth-balls. Less pungent than Lagavulin, but still satisfyingly smoky and earthy, dry on the palate with a strong salt-and pepper finish.

ALAN HAMILTON

When you want to be alone

northernmost coast of the northernmost island of the time I boarded the little ferry over to Unst I was actually further from London than London is from Milan or Munich.

But it is hard to appreciate fully just how far away the Shetlands are without actually going there. Cartographers invariably bring this long spread of narrow scattered islands in closer to the Scottish mainland (if only to fit them on the same page of the atlas) and many habitually confuse them with the Orkneys, reached in as little as 45 minutes by sea from John o'Groats instead of the 14 hours it took our ferry to get from Aberdeen to Lerwick.

Making the crossing by sea seemed more appropriate than flying. About 3,000 years ago the first settlers arrived by boat, followed by generations of Vikings. Norsemen and Danes who used the islands as stepping stones to their inva-sion of Britain. In 1588 the flagship of the Spanish Armada was wrecked on Fair Isle; 200 years later the founder of the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company (now P&O) was born in the Shetlands, and even today the life of the islanders is inextricably linked to the sea.

There is nowhere quite like the Shetlands and while they are politically and geographically absolutely a part of Britain, island life is special. Scarcely more than a dozen



of these hundred or so islands are inhabited, so that few places in Britain can match the Shetlands in their richness and variety of wildlife. In a climate warmed by the Gulf Stream, seabirds prosper in their hundreds of thousands. seals and otters can be seen on the beaches, there are also dolphins and porpoises (known locally as neesiks), giant basking sharks, if one is lucky there is a glimose of the occasional whale, and of course there are

ments — can be enjoyed without the sort of crowds which traditionally mar a visit

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Thelwell's famous ponies. The rugged character of the landscape, with its relative lack of cultivation and building, also means the archaeological heritage of more than 5.000 years has remained largely undisturbed. Just as importantly, these fascinating places — prehistoric dwellings, ancient forts, standing stones and extensive Viking and Bronze or Iron Age settle-



The very remoteness of the Shetlands and the rugged character of their landscape mean that island life is inextricably linked to the sea

to Stonehenge, Avebury or any of the more celebrated heritage sites found on the

For 600 years these islands were ruled from Scandinavia until. in the 15th century, they were pledged to Scotland as part of the dowry of the daughter of the King of Denmark on her marriage to Scotland's future James III. The islands stayed Scottish but most of the place names are clearly derived from Old Norse, and once a year the islanders still haul a replica Viking longship through the streets of Lerwick and set it ablaze to celebrate the midwinter festival of Up Helly Aa.

et the most striking reminder of the Jarlshof in the far south of the islands, an entire settlement buried in time (quite literally, it was unearthed early this century by a violent storm), the remains of a remote coastal hamlet occupied from Neolithic times right through to the Middle Ages. On this single, unique site visitors can walk into numerous prehistoric houses. the workshop of an itinerant Irish bronzesmith dating back to 800BC, a circular Iron Age fort, a 9th-century hall-house, the remains of a medieval farm and barn, and towering over the whole of it the ruined bulk of a 16th-century laird's

Perched only a few feet

above the crashing waves of the North Sea, Jarlshof is impressive by any standards, all the more so because we were the only people there. In fact in the Shetlands such welcome solitude is not uncommon and we didn't bump into a single person at Mu Ness either, or at Scalloway Castle, or while inspecting the haunting and romantic 12th-century church of St Olaf at Lunda Wick.

Mu Ness Castle, built in 1598 by Laurence Bruce and the most northerly in the country, is architecturally distinguished and militarily a clever and sophisticated design. That at Scalloway (Shetland's old capital) is larger and even more eerie having been built by Bruce's half-brother, a famously cruel Earl of Orkney who was beheaded after a hateful life. But for atmosphere nothing could beat the World War Two radar station on Lamba Ness, quite simply the spookiest place I have ever been. Its immense lichencovered bunkers and sinister concrete pagodas seemed not to have felt the breath of a living soul since 1945.

Anywhere else in the country historical sites of this calibre would be teeming with tourists, but in the Shetlands you can have them all to yourself. Even 2.000-year-old Mousa Broch - not long ago declared Castle of the Year, its walls nearly 45 feet high, was utterly silent and alone.

DAVID LONG

SHETLAND FACT FILE

■ Shetland Island Tourism, Market Cross, Lenvick, Shetland ZEI OLU (01595 693434).

Two ships sail from Aberdeen to Lerwick five times a week. Single fares for foot passengers from E47.50; from E150 (return) for vehicles. Contact P&O Scottish Ferries (01224 572615). Inter-island ferries run every 20-30 minutes: about £3.75 for a vehicle with two passengers.

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St Kilda or the Orkneys, offer magnificent scenery, dramatic weather and glimpses of a fascinating past Over the sea, but not far enough away



Kenbane, nudged between the awesome cliffs above Village Bay on St Kilda, it was hard to feel charitable towards the other boats

We had hoped to have the place to ourselves. After all, this was the remotest island in Britain, fully 110 miles off the northwest coast of Scotland - so far out, in fact, that it often does not feature on maps: Apart from Rockall, there is no landmass between here and

Everyone dreams of remote islands, it seems. In 1996, in the five months of the year when the North Atlantic permits a landing, 1.300 visitors came, a record number. This year, according to Stuart. Murray, the resident Scottish National Trust (SNT) warden whose job it is to ensure that the tourists behave themselves (St Kilda is now ary), the record will certainly be broken again. He recently had to cope with a cruise ship which put 280 tourists down on the island.

"Some of the cliff paths are really quite well worn," said a mature archaeology student from Aber-deen who had paid the SNT £375 to go on a formight's dig for a "possibly prolithic" structure above the abandoned village. "It's not nearly as isolated as I'd hoped." Apart from Mr Murray, St Kilda is home to a detachment of Royal Engineers who use the island as a missiletracking station, and the sweetly named Puff Inn was crowded with yachties and squaddies and ama-

The magic, thankfully, has not deserted this place just yet. Inhabited for thousands of years, the last 36 St Kildans only abandoned Hirta, the main island in the group, in 1930. Their stone cottages though mostly roofless now, still stand. And the gannets, fulmars, guillemots and puffins on which the St Kildans subsisted are thriving in their hundreds of thousands.



In the 1890s, the St Kildans still followed their traditional way of life. Men and boys, trained from childhood, scaled the vertiginous cliffs to capture the thousands of birds that provided their livelihood

extraordinary as their diet. Eschewing the fish that teem in these waters, the islanders' staple was boiled seabird. In the 17th century, for example, the St Kildans were catching more than 22,000 gannets each year — and this on an island where there were never more than

No part of the bird was wasted. The beaks were used as roofing nails, the feathers were sold to the military as pillow stuffing and the extracted oil provided heat and light and was believed to have great medicinal properties. Harvest time unique, though nothing was so but birds, fat and feathers every-rock faces on which the birds all to their fellow countrymen. Their conditions, meant that the last to

where," wrote the Rev Neil Mackenzie, who served as minister on the island until 1843. "Their clothes are literally soaked in oil, and everywhere, inside and outside their houses, nothing but feathers: often it looks as if it were snowing."

quired extraordinary skill and courage. There was much talk on our boat. before arrival, of emulating the St Kildans and poaching a puffin or two for the pot -- Keith Floyd has a recipe and says they are delicious --was a holocaust. There is nothing but a look at the vertiginous

nest quickly changed our minds. For the men of St Kilda, rock climbing was a rite of passage - at one time, any man who failed to climb the off-lying (and absurdly smooth and vertical) rock of Stac Biorach did not get a wife. From the age of three, therefore, St Kildan boys were encouraged to climb the walls of their houses. By 16, they were either dead or were skipping about the guano-slimed cliffs, ofter without ropes, and tossing throttled

gannets into rowing boats waiting hundreds of feet below. Small surprise, then, that the St Kikdans evolved in a different way

ankle bones were thicker than ours. while their toes were almost prehensile.

It was increased contact with the mainland that did for the community. Before the first official census was taken in 1851, those government departments that had heard of St Kilda reportedly believed it to be uninhabited. But by the turn of the century, as the islanders learnt more of the good life to be had in Glasgow, the young men left and the population began to decline. Successive crop failure and an epidemic of eczema, brought on by

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leave were not sorry to do so. Every sheep that could be caught was brought off along with the islanders on the Dunara Castle; only the dogs could not be taken off.

and so were drowned. St Kilda remains an eerie place, and it is an omithologist's dream. But for true isolation, look elsewhere - the hills of South Harris. perhaps, or even the enchanted isleof Kerrera. This is so close to the mainland — a few hundred yards across Oban Harbour, in fact that hardly anyone ever goes there these days.

JAMES FERGUSSON

FACT FILE

St Kilda is a six-hour journey by boat from Harris, so the minum stay is two days. Stay on board the Eilenn no Hearadh at E80 per person per day (full breakfast, packed lunch and evening ment included). The vessel sleeps 12 with shower facilities. Rose Hebridean Cruises (01859 502192).

■ Nowhere to stay on the island but to camp. Contact Scottish Natural Heritage

Catch an island on the hop



and the ticket man is puzzled. "Flotta?" he says. You want to go to Flotta? You work in oil?"

No, but regular Orkney visitors — and we've been coming for ten years - tick off islands like climbers bag Munros. Today, it's Flotta. There are 70 islands: 20 in-

habited; others dotted with deserted crofts; some hardly bigger than rowing boats. They occupy their own little box in the top right-hand corner of most maps of mainland Brit-ain. It's handy symbolism. Orkney is spiritually remote England. There are no Mac-Tourist kilts here and, after 1,000 years of Viking influence, the atmosphere is more Scandinavian than British.

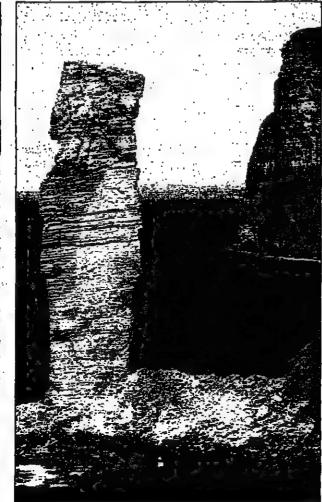
The islands are scattered like jigsaw pieces waiting to be slotted together. The obvious ones to tick off are Hoy (Old Man of), Rousay (prehistoric tombs) and Westray and Papa Westray, a geographical doubleact linked by Britains shortest scheduled flight: two minutes, or one-and-a-half

with a following wind.

As the ticket man hints, Flotta is not an obvious choice for a day trip. For the past 20 years, it's been a focus of the North Sea oil industry. A perpenual yellow flame flares up from the terminal. From a distance, it has some of the mystique of Middlesbrough. Lobster creels litter the shore, a cormorant perches on

a bobbing buoy, seals bask on the rocks - and, in a distant field, gulls swarm and scream behind a threshing machine. It's a land and seascape unique to Orkney.

Hoy, where the ferry stops first, is the popular image of Orkney, but it's not typical. Its sheer cliffs, with broading black clouds, have a craggy drama to which the other isiands do not aspire.



The Old Man of Hoy - a popular landmark for visitors

Understatement, in gently pastoral landscape and in the people, is the key. As the ticket man points out, Flotta means "flat island" - and bear in mind that a true Orcadian never uses two words where none will do.

An old serviceman with a British Legion badge on his blazer scans the horizon with binoculars, still on the lookout for Nazis. First time back since the war, he says, as he disembarks at Hoy.

Flotta, strategically central in Scapa Flow, played a major role in the Second World War. Thousands were stationed here on an island where nothing is more than four

Older residents remember the lanes bustling with sailors on a Saturday night. They remember Gracie Fields and George Formby on stage at the cinema, and The Archbishop

of Canterbury leading an open-air service for 20,000; acres of uniforms packed in the bright green fields.

Things are quieter now — only about 100 people live on Flotta, and 200 more work at the refinery. Some of the most important residents are of the feathered kind. The islands even have a "Corncrake Line": phone up and you hear the bird's rasping cry, like an angry man tearing calico.

Te pass the school where there are just eight names on the roll. It's so peaceful that cows can be heard lowing half a mile away. Suddenly to our left, we come upon a bay of opal blue that wouldn't dis-

grace the Caribbean. Oystercatchers buzz us as we turn up the drive to the Post Office, its line of washing horizontal in the wind. Inside.

sea crossing (John o'Groats Ferries: 01955 611353 no cars). Fly from London.

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Birmingham. Manchester, Edinburgh etc by air — with British Airways: 0345 22211 (no Sunday (lights). ■ Staying there: The Ayre Hotel, Kirkwall (01856 873001) is highly rated but Orkney has many other hotels and UABs.

Brochure from Orkney Fourist Board (01856) 872856), which also has information on inter-island ferries and flights.

E Eating: Unpreten-tious and filling bar meals are widely available — in Kirkwall, try the Kirkvall Hotel (01856 872232), the Queen's (01850 872200) or the West End (01856 872368). The Creel Restaurant at St Margaret's Hope, South Ronaldsay (01856 831311) has a good reputation.

■ Reading: The Orkney Guide Book (Charles Tait Photographic), Scottish Photographic, Scottish Island Hopping (Polygon); and the poetry and novels of Orcadian George Mackay Brown.

among packets of teacakes and copies of *The People's Friend*, Mrs Sinclair presides in her pinny as postmistress, general storekeeper, petrol-pump attendant and farmer's

"We sell a little of everything," she says, surveying the scouring pads and lemon curd. "Boys from the refinery come down on their mountain bikes for a can of beer. When they first arrive on the island, they think it's remote. But it's not. The boats go four times a

day. You'll stay for a coffee?" Sadly, no time. We walk back to the ferry and share the boat back with crates of crabs. The old soldier boards at Hoy, the ghosts of half a century laid, still scanning the horizon. And the cormorant is still bobbing on the buoy.

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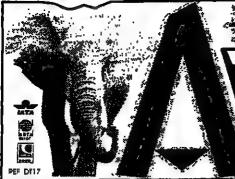
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Billion Barbies

TO CELEBRATE the billionth Barbie doll which has been sold since the little monster's arrival in 1959, the National Museum of Monaco is holding an exhibition of 110 of the dolls.

All the blonde toys will be dressed in outfits by top Parisian designers such as Lacroix, Laroche, Balenciaga and Rykiel. A further 30 dolls will be dressed in outfits worn by stars of the cinema.

The exhibition is open daily until October 10, from 10am-opm. Admission

Package holiday rescue fund goes into the red

M HOLIDAYMAKERS can expect to pay a levy on their package tours next year following a massive drain on a fund which compensates travellers when their holiday firm goes bust.

The fund, administered by the Civil Aviation Authority, is £5.3 million in the red after a series of failures in the year ending March 31, 1997. The CAA repatriated 20,000 Britons stranded abroad and

refunded a further 73,000 who had booked to travel and would otherwise have lost their money. It is the first time the fund has been in the red since it was

set up following the Clarksons package tour company failure in 1974. The CAA has now borrowed money from the Government pending the levy, which will

require legislation to enact. The CAA is pushing the Ministry of Transport for a It is unlikely that the levy will exceed £1 per person, but a decision has also to be made

would be indefinite. Meanwhile, new figures from the CAA show that in the year to the end of March, tour operators caried 21.4 million people on package holidays using charter and scheduled

The growth in winter holidays is outstripping that of summer. The average price of a holiday last winter also rose, by 5 per cent, to £398.

THE TOP SIX fastest growing destinations for British Airways Holidays are, in order: northern Thailand, Lombok, the Cayman Islands. Bahamas, Jamaica and

The operator also reports that holidaymakers are increasingly happy to draw up their own innerary instead of taking a packaged holiday. In the first half of the year. BA Holidays saw a 25 per cent growth in individually tailored holidays in its world-

vide programme To reflect the new-found complement of its customers.



Millions of tourists flew from British airports last year

the company has added Borneo, Zanzibar and Shanghai to its 1998 brochure.

SEVEN THOUSAND American travel agents are to be offered their own tartan when they visit Glasgow for a conference in September.

The navy, grey, white, purple and green tartan has been designed for the American Society of Travel Agents, whose members will spend a

week in the city. The Glasgow conference expects to generate £50 million of tourism revenue in future, the Scottish Tourist Board says.

■ TRAVELLING to your airport hotel now costs £2 a time following a move by BAA to axe courtesy buses from its

terminals. The move is designed to ease traffic congestion particu larly at Heathrow, which is often exacerbated by dozens of hotel buses crawling around

the terminals. But the introduction of joint transfer buses should have been met by BAA and not the traveller, says Carlson Wagonlit, the business travel agency.

Paula Batten, general manager of Carlson's Hotels division, says: "The last thing a traveller needs is a search for loose change at the airport to take them on to the hotel. This is an expensive charge

for a journey that takes only a few minutes." TOURISTS planning to

rent a car abroad this summer will benefit from a price war herween two of the biggest companies in the leisure rental

tees to undercut other published rates by £10 for the summer and winter holiday

The move is in retaliation to rival Holiday Autos, which claims its bookings are 60 per cent shead of last year, while Suncars sales remain static. Holiday Autos is sticking by its pledge to undercut rival prices by £5.

HERTZ has packaged cross-Channel travel and Disnevland Paris tickets into its car-swap service for nervous motorists at the Channel Tunnel.

The car rental company last year introduced a scheme whereby customers can drive to the tunnel, drop their car and pick up a left-hand drive car in Calais. Now Hertz has added re-

turn Le Shuttle tickets with entry to Disneyland, with prices starting at £190 for three days for up to seven people in a car.

MANOTHER cruise company is to include tipping in the package price. Crystal Cruises regards the practice as outdated." The company, which carries

about 1,000 Britons a year, follows a similar move by rivals including Cunard and Royal Caribbean.

■ WHILE THE number of overseas package holidays sold this year exceeded nine million, more than twice as many Britons will take a seaside break at home.

Figures released this week by the English Tourist Board showed that 50 million holidays were taken by British residents in England last year. And more than a third of those loved to be beside the seaside, spending £3 billion during

their stay.
The West Country remains the firm favourite for beach holidays, but tourist trips to London and the South East also rose sharply. More than 60 per cent of the country's top tourist attractions also reported an increase in visitors last

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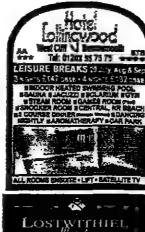


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by Raymond Keene

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3Qf5+ forces checkmate in four moves rather than the five of the

solution. If Black continued with

3... Kh4, allowing 4 g3 mate, this would be the case, but after 3...g5

White can do no better than 4 Rf3

with mate again on the fifth move.

Winning Move (Wednesday

White to play. From the game Alekhine-van Mindeno, Holland.

1933. White has sacrificed a piece for a strong attack along the h-file

but Black still has an escape square for his king on 17. Can you work out

the sequence of moves by which

White bottled up the black king?

March 26

THIS week Living up my current examination of your postbag queries but do keep sending them in and I will return to this topic in a month of so. The following position was published as a Winning Move on Tuesday March 11. Black to play From the game Delva-Levchouk Canada 1982. The danger signal here for White is the ger signal here for White is the constructed position of his king. How did Black make the most of

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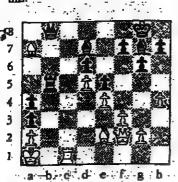
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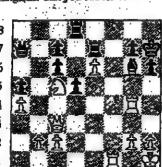


... Rost leaves White without a

decent reply.

Mr Creion of Bath suggests White can try 2 Bc4 in reply. This would avoid an immediate calamity but Black continues 2 ... Qxa7 and wins easily with his extra piece.

Winning Move (Thursday June 5) White to play. This position is fromthe game Weeramantry-Trabert. Hawaii 1997, The white knight and e-pawn are an extremely strong unit and together tie up the black forces. It is not surprising that White can score a quick win on the kingside. Cán you see how?



a b c d e f g h

Ne5! dxe5 (i ... Qxe5 2 Qxe5 dxe5 3 g6 and mates) 2 g6! Qxg6 3 Qc4+

> Miss M. Forman of Conwy wonders why White cannot try the immediate l g6 and after l ... Oxg6 2 Qc4+ Unfortunately, Black would then defend with 2 ... d5. The point of Alekhine's l Ne5l is to deny Black this opportunity.

cdefgh

It is still not too late to attend the celebrations on Monday to honour Howard Staunton, probably Britain's greatest ever chess player, when the unveiling of Staunton's long overdue headstone will take place at Kensal Green cemetery, north London. Those wishing to attend the unveiling ceremony should contact Barry Martin (018)-744 2868). There are also still some seats available for the celebration in honour of Staunton at Simpson's-in-the-Strand that evening.

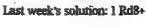
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene Black to play. This position is from the game Schmidt - Helms, Germany 1925.
White has attempted to distract

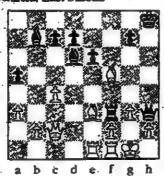
Black from his kingside attack by 8 offering the bait of his bishop on 7 5. Should Black take this, or does

he have a stronger continuation? Send your answer on a postcard to The Times, 1 Pennington. Street, London El 9XN. The first correct answer drawn on Thursday will win a year's subscription to the Staunton Society, which includes a free invitation to the annual dinner at Simpson's-inthe Strand. The answer will be published next Saturday.

FUMES



Last week's winner: R I Harrison. Uckfield, East Sussex.



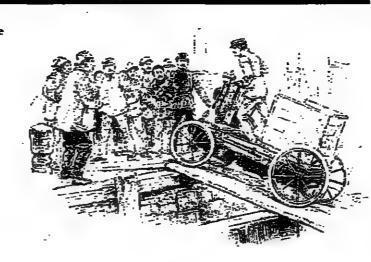
PUNCHLINE

READERS are invited to write an amusing caption for the cartoon (right), from The Strand Magazine (reproduced from Westminster Libraries, Sherlock Holmes Collection, Marylebone Library).

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"Anybody order a Poachergram?"

The winning caption for last week's cartoon (above) was submitted by P.Baldwin of Glamorgan

By Philip Howard

WORD-WATCHING

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c. A hooded cloak HOWDAH a. Native American greeting

b. Seat on elephant c. A costume belt JOUGS

a. Instrument of torture b. To jump energetically

c. A Scottish jig HIMP

a. A hindrance b. To complain c. To hobble

BRIDGE

by Robert Sheehan

Your right-hand opponent opens One Heart. What would you bid with each of these hands: One hand per line

1) + AQJ43 \ \ 52 \ \ A K J \ 32 \ \ 5 2) \ \ K J \ 76 \ 2 \ \ 52 \ \ A Q \ \ \ \ A \ Q \ 3 3) \ \ \ A K Q \ 92 \ \ \ \ F \ K J \ 94 \ \ \ K \ 10 \ 7 \ 3

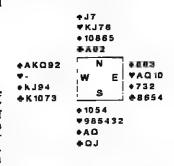
In all cases it is best to bid One Spade. Twenty years ago, many experts would double on all of them. Nowadays the style is to allow overcalls to have a wider range, more akin to opening bids. The takeout double describes a more restricted type than previously. In particular it is wrong to double with two-suiters, which is why One Spade is the bid on hand (I). That is unlikely to be passed out if there is a game on your way.

To double and then bid a suit requires a particularly good hand. of a one-suited nature. Strengthen hand (2) by a couple of points and Double would be correct: it would also be the best action with a sixth spade and 18+ points.

Hand (3) shows another expert technique - first bid your spades. and then if the opponents continue in hearts with your partner remaining silent, re-open with a double. That shows the three-suited nature of your hand.

The third hand occurred in the deal at the top of the next column. from the Nickell-Deutsch clash in the final of the 1997 US trials. Nickell's team currently hold the Bermuda Bowl, and four of Deutsch's team the Rosenblum Cup. Both events count as world championships, so ten of the eleven players involved were current Answers on page XX | world champions, the odd one out being Zia Mahmood.

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presume North's Three Diamonds showed a sound Three Heart raise in the Meckstroth-Rodwell system - don't ask me why. Note Stansby's treatment of his hand: overcalling and then doubling for takeout. Martel converted it to penalties by passing, as he could see that was the best chance of going plus on the hand.

Meckstroth was unlucky to find the distribution as it was. He went for 500, with 420 the maximum for East-West. Secretly it pleases me though — what is the point in opening on a nine-high suit on a sub-minimum hand with all your meagre high-card strength clotted in two doubletons? But that is the Meckwell style, and they have been the world's most successful pair over the past few years.

COMPUTER GAMES AND PASTIMES

NOTHING whips up interest in a game better than a dollop of controversy and SCI's Carma-geddon has managed just that. In Britain, Italy and Germany classification censors and a handful of newspaper reports deemed the game to be highly irresponsible. The result is that in these countries we can only purchase toned down versions of the game - while in all other territories worldwide the game has passed without incident and is available without any mollycoddling changes.

But this is also the age of the internet, which makes such censorship relatively ineffective. Armed with no more than a few basic computer skills, it is possible to track down and download a programming code "patch", which reverts Carmageddon to its former glory. Carmageddon is something like Doom meets Destruction Derby. You race around a massive urban landscape, competing against an array of powerful vehi-cles, such as beefy cars, tanks and robust pick-up trucks. The aim is not so much to complete the courses as to completely mash your

opponents' vehicles.
The game is an open road dodgem ride on speed. You can

hurtle up behind an opponent and spectacularly push them into harriers or lakes. Sensational crashes can see their vehicles, and often your own, hurtling through the sky and coming to land in ungracious heaps or upside down on the roofs of office blocks. Plenty of high jinks but nothing controversial there. Every good smash earns points and, more crucial, more time to keep playing. It is one of the ways of earning time that gives the PC title its contentious content. You squeich pedestrians - or cows -- and drive on leaving a

in our version we kill human-shaped monsters or cows - and drive off leaving trails of green gunk. But even that, apparently, is too much for the squeamish Germans. In their version of Carmageddon they mow down robots which leave no mess at all. SCI has given the game a voluntary code, suggesting it is suitable for those aged 15 and over. This game is a blast, not a blastfeast. It is surprisingly engaging and pile-ups can be so spectacu-

trail of blood. Except in

Britain we don't.

by Tim Wapshott



Race around an urban landscape in the controversial game Carmageddon

lar that all you can do is chortle; or dryly observe that "There's been a terrible crash!". Mowing down pedestrians and animals is not the highlight of this game. These characters are not especially detailed, nor are gory limbs sent flying. Frankly, watching an epi-sode of BBC's Casualty is more likely to turn the stomach. At SCI they must have cracked open the

Bolly as soon as they had enticed a few journalists to condemn the title sight unseen. From that moment they knew they were onto a winner. Without it, the game could have come and gone without fuss.

Instead, the profits are pouring in, no doubt from many who hope it lives up to the claims of its critics. Imagination is invariably way ahead of reality in these cases. The publicity has also guaranteed SCI a distinct brand in the market place - something all producers dream of but can rarely predict. There is certain to be a sequel to the title next year.

Censorship of the computer world is a worrying prospect. especially when it is carried

research. The ongoing debate about censoring the internet is cause enough for concern. Do we really want some global quango dictating what we can and cannot read? And so it is with games. Do we want to be spoon-fed only doctored versions of titles the rest of the world is playing and enjoying, from Canada to Cambodia? It's

ludicrous that in Britain we still can't see Clockwork Orange, vet the rest of the planet can. But Stanley Kubrick had a point. Britain is a lucrative territory for software sales, but we're not the most important in the world and risk being sidestepped completely if we are going to cry wolf every time a ritle comes along which, on paper at least, seems unsavoury.

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(Gower 24) Downhill Willis shows great hostility (7) (Gatting 15) Uncontrolled merriment from one about

(Botham 50) Show a little bottle on way to 50 (4)

ENGLAND 2nd Innings (Total 356) - Right to Left

t's stated!) (4)

(500 to one) (3)

(Taylor 9) One needs line and length badly (3)
(Dilley 13) Old contained number 6, being experienced (5)

(Brearley 14) Good this news for Australians - one left to

(Gatting I) Takes excessive speed, perhaps, to reduce odds

make one weep! (5) (Willis 2) They have one on one's knees, paste one all over

(Extras 16) Is one from home counties now quite an elder

(Chappell 8) End of Chappell - Trevor's middle one? 3rd son

(Hughes 0) That thing's the end of Hughes after appeal (3) (Yallop 0) English batting esstasy for old viewers (4) (Border 0) Gambling on losing 500? It's a bit over the top! (5) (Marsh 4) Old fashioned short extra cover is brought in

(Lillee 17) Hernic century after English confusion (4) (Alderman 0 not out) Order change like this (5) (Extras 18) One Chris brought back like a charm (Old one to

quickly (6) (Bright 19) Appeal one orchestrated, used wind to ge

Old 0) Left one with back to the wall? He's history! (4) (Willis I not out) Trifle upset by Old drop . . . (6) (Extras 34) . . . one's put down twice in a row here? (4)

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16 19C irregularly-living artist (8) 17 Partition (4) 20 Unspoken understood (5) 21 Competence, skill (7)

22 Unintended; lone sharp/flat (10)

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AUSTRALIA 1st innings (Total 401 for 9 deci)

(Dyson 102) Put together hundred in valuable exhibition — Dyson's the tops! (5) (Wood 34) England's initial break (55-t) badly

needed (4)
(Chappell 27) 59-4, Australia's last 3 nonplussed — is this fiftering through? (3)
(Hughes 89) Six! Botham's end! What power! (3)
(Bright 7) Wield a but, setting things alight here in Indian summer? (6)
(Yallop 88) Ian be testotal? Change for one used to high living! (7)
(Border 8) In with tail, Ian is - they make joint contribution (4)
(Marsh 28) Perhaps preparing to take off one in testing circumstances (7)
(Lawson 13) Containing number 4 initially called for old hand (5)

nand (c)

(Lillee 3 not out) Tine and again "howled Willis" --- no
determination! (3)

(Alderman 0 not out) Picture changes (top edge dropped).

What relief at such an escape! (b)

(Extras 32) Cricket team in Test come-back makes one dance

ENGLAND lst Innings (Total 174)

(Gooch 2) Sounds like he produces great pace with curve that straightens (5)
(Boycott L2) Sign of victory? Willis' heart bristles! (5)
(Brearley 10) 150? One short — greatest, most exciting bit of

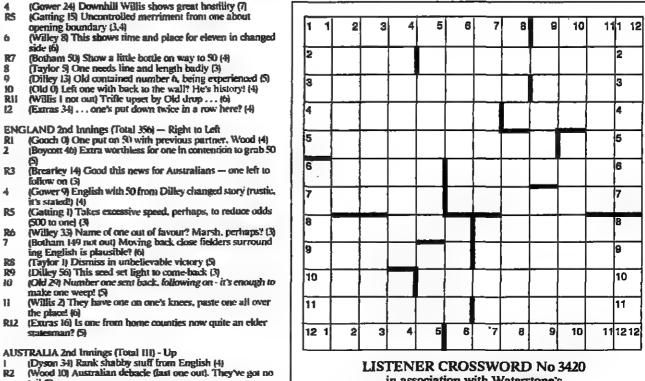
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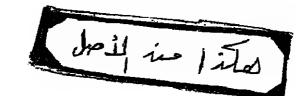
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Jeep thrill that started a craze



Suddenly an unrehearsed wartime re-enactment occurred when a 1944 Piper Cub in US markings landed at Andrewsfield aerodrome, the former American airbase where the Jeep had been parked

its original box - brand new.

the rugged character, the

cheeky charm, the hint of

adventure that has given the

Jeep a special place in history.

or the Pacific islands, by 1945

the Jeep had become ubiqui-

tous, its real-life deeds en-

hanced by John Wayne and a legion of Hollywood greats.

ays Gadeselli, When I found my Jeep on a

farm near Worthing, it

In Normandy, North Africa

As Gadeselli's Jeep took shape, he found the basket of bits he had bought for £750 constituted a rare communications version. He even managed to find the right aerial.

The name Jeep probably comes from it classification as a "General Purpose Wagon -GPW". Well over half a million were built during World

wasn't a Jeep — it was just a mass of bits. Jeeps were often used by "But I wanted to undertake soldiers and airmen who had a restoration project and a never driven before, so the handbook explains what brake church and throttle ped-Jeep seemed a good idea because it had no interior trim - always a problem with old cars. I thought that with a few al are for, and red paint was daubed on items like the dipstick that needed regular spare parts I could just screw everything together, wield a checking. "Although basic, the painthrush and that would be Jeep had surprisingly sophisticated touches: an all-synchrothat. However, it took me mesh three-speed gearbox. three years, working 16 hours hydraulic brakes and choice of two or four-wheel-drive plus Gadeselli found many of the low-ratio transfer box. " says missing bits in Italy, where

many abandoned Jeeps were used as farm vehicles. He is In the early morning, Jeeps would be started and left to still buying spares there: very convenient as he is UK head of tick over until the engine was corporate affairs for the Fiat hot: "GIs had to be cleanshaven even in battle areas, so He bought a "new" wiring loom. When he asked Fireonce the engine had warmed thoroughly, the radiator cap would be removed and shavstone if they could help with tyres, they found two sets still ing brushes dipped in the

ader tank wäter.' in their original greased paper Although generally reliable, if a Jeep suffered an engine protective wrapping. Such finds are still possible. "A few problem at night, the head-lamps could be pivoted to weeks ago I bought a Purolator oil filter, unused, in

OLD AND NEW

Engine: Then: 2.2litre giving 54bhp. (Now: 2.5-litre, 117bhp, 4-litre, 174bhp.) Performance: 0-60 eventually. Top speed 65mph. (0-60 in 9.5secs. 109mph.) Equipment: Rifle fixed to dashboard, canvas bucket, tyre chains, oil can, tow hook, spade, axe. (Hard/soft tops, full carpets, padded radio bar, power steering. Price: circa E7,500 (£13,995 to £18,250).

illuminate the engine com-With all this in mind sampled the "mechanical horse," which, appropriately has a horsehair-stuffed driving seat cushion. This sits on the petrol tank; hardly a safety factor on the road to Great Dunmow in 1997, let alone the road to Berlin in 1945.

The 2.2-litre side-valve engine becomes very quiet as it warms. Driving the Jeep is an interesting experience. Gearchanges call for precise timing, the steering, through a skinny-rimmed wheel, is a fine illustration of the word

Family reunion: new Jeeps have familiar lines, but add unheralded comfort levels

Andrewsfield, Essex, site of

the first American airbase

"vague". A dashboard-mounted plate says top speed 65mph but I would feel I deserved a medal for achieving it; I settled for a 45-50 mph cruise. Weatherproofing is just a crude folding roof. There are no seatbelts, no windows, no doors; a strap prevents the driver and front passenger

falling out Leaf springs and Monroe shock absorbers give a surprisingly good ride. Handling is reasonable if the Jeep is not rushed. "Jeeps tend to fall over when really hustled," says Gadeselli encouragingly. I took the Jeep

built in the UK. in 1942. Soon after arriving and quite by chance a 1944 Piper Cub in US markings touched down.

But at that point the Jeep's engine stopped and refused to start again. There was no logic to it. everything was as it should have been. Gadeselli was mys-Could it have been that the

old Jeep, standing on the wartime airfield alongside a had "come home" after more than half a century - that it

just wanted to stay? I make no such mystic claim, but the fact is that when the Piper had flown off, and the sun was going down, and the man from the RAC had checked the engine and found nothing wrong, the Jeep's starter was pressed and the engine sprang to life, as healthy as ever. All very

So we quietly drove away into the sunset, leaving behind any ghosts on the darkening. silent airfield.

NEW JEEP'S TOUGH COMFORTS

The more utilitarian its original purpose the more likely it seems that a vehicle will end up as a "fun car", writes Alan Copps. The Volkswagen Beetle, the Citroen 2CV and the dear old Mini spring to mind immediately. But the Jeep must be the ultimate expression of this automotive rule.

The car that once symbolised the fight for freedom has become a fashion wagon par excellence. Where the aerial once crackled to a commander's communications the latest Wrangler sports a "sound bar" with four-speaker radio-cassette and CD compatibility. The rigours of open driving have been replaced by air conditioning an optional hard top and a soft top that offers

excellent weather protection. The latest changes in the Wrangler have seen, by popular demand, the return of traditional round headlights after T-shirts protesting at the square-cyed version began appearing at Jeep jamborees in the U.S. There it commands slavish loyalty and is still often found as a working vehicle. It certainly provided inspiration for that other offroad veteran, the Land Rover. But its main purpose these

days in the hands of the urban

young seems to be to outpose the outrageous Suzuki Vitara or the ugly Daihatsu Sportrak. Chrysler has done a dever job in keeping the looks while transforming the innards and shifting the purpose. In terms of "street cred" a Wrangler is difficult to beat: Chrysler has sold 373 of them here so far this year.

The most impressive changes to the 1997 Wrangler are all in the cause of comfort the coil spring suspension which offers a hugely improved ride and the revamped interior with better seats, easier controls and more storage.

B ut this is no fashion toy. The hood is said to take ten minutes to put up, one third the time required for previous models, but it will still break your nails and requires a good deal of force to locate some of the fixings. Once in place the "sound bar" is useful, the stereo is powerful enough, and essential to drown the hood drumming at anything over 50mph.

The Command-Trac system allows the driver to shift from two to four-wheel-drive on the move if necessary, although I doubt it is often used. If you do have a yen for the rough stuff, it's certainly not recommended on road tyres.

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Oh dear, something as simple as fitting headlamp stickers for the Continent can become awfully complicated, thanks to the motor industry

Bright idea turns into a nightmare

ing journalists around are those whose columns sometimes start: "While you are reading this I shall be stretched out on a beach in ... Absolutely maddening, are they not? I may have my shortcomings but at least this space spares the reader that kind of indulgent nonsense.

It so happens that while you are reading this I shall be kneeling in front of my car at Roscoff, awaiting the ferry back to Britain and trying to peel off those triangular bits of yellow plastic that are called "beam deflectors". Like socks and twins, they come in pairs.

in the good old days of continental travel, by which I mean last year, the business of ensuring that one's headlights did not have approaching French drivers

DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION



Peter Barnard

window was pretty straightfor-ward. Years ago I would dutifully buy a kit, which consisted of a roll of yellow transparent plastic, some black material to block the light. and a GB sticker.

Over the years I became fed up with buying these kits every time I

went to France. It took me about two decades to realise that changing the colour of the headlamps to yellow was not obligatory, so all I really needed was some black plastic tape stuck to the headlamp glass in the shape of a triangle. But I had never liked the fact that black tape over the headlight is like an eye patch: it does not deflect light in a new direction, it

So this year (indulged myself and ' bought a pair of beam deflectors, which have the dual effect of changing the light from white to yellow and diverting all of the light output in the correct direction. I should have known that grief was ahead as soon as I read the packaging, which contains the menacing challenge: "Fitted in seconds." And on the back of the

package, it says: "Requires no skill

simply blocks out some of the light. or technical knowledge." These statements are often to be found on

> My present car is one of the more common makes, so when I came to fit the beam diverters. described as "universal", I was full of confidence. I knew that the

flat-pack furniture, the purchase of

which has been known to lead to diverter roughly correspond to the triangle. Or rather, that is all you have to do on any car but the one that I own.

After a lengthy search, it was obvious that my headlamp glass did not correspond to any head-

headlamp glass would have what is in effect a triangle etched into it

and all you have to do is make the

lamp glass I have used in the past. Eventually I took the car to my local garage where the mechanic sighed (as they do) and said that he had seen this problem before. He reckoned that the only way to fit

beam tester, used for MoT tests,

and move the deflector about in

the deflector on my particular car was to put the car on the garage's

front of the glass until we found the right spot.
So we did. But of course I did not

want the deflectors fitted at that stage so the mechanic marked the glass and the deflector in order that I would know where to fit it. But I was still mystified, so I went to the parts department of the carmaker's main agents.

You feel a fool, right? You can imagine the parts department chap during his lunch break: "Had this bloke in, unbelievable he was, couldn't fit a beam deflector, I said to him, I said, my grandmother. aged 137, she could

But not a bit of it. I managed to speak half a sentence, which contained the words "beam deflector" and the model of my car. before the assistant put up a hand. reached under his bench and produced a sheet of paper. "You're not the first by a long way," he said, "We had this drawn up specially for that model."

I left with a detailed diagram. feeling grateful that I was not the only one who had been stumped by a simple problem. But I was annoyed that the automobile industry is capable of doing incredibly complicated things with ease yet seems incapable of simplifying the task of driving a car in France.

Clamps set to stop the car-park cowboys

New laws could stop Denver Boot

extortionists, says Tony Dawe

ing pace to outcowboy ■ V ■ clampers who have used threats and extortion to claim outrageous sums from thousands of motorists. Lawyers, MPs and motor-

ing organisations will be writing to Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, to outline their demands for dealing with companies that specialise in clamping cars parked on private land.

Mr Straw announced earlier this mouth that he is considering proposals to force the companies to

register with local authorities and to 'In the set a maximum fine which they can worst case The plans will reported delight many of the clampers' victims. to the AA. including Sharon

Le Masson of a member Lytham, Lancashire, who faced a was long legal battle after tangling with charged a clamping com-£240°

tougher measures. The only way to beat the clampers is to ban wheelclamping on private land altogether," says Malcolm Fowler, a solicitor who specialises in clamping cases and speaks on

are demanding

the subject for the Law Society. "Landowners faced with a problem of illegal parking can protect their property in other ways, by erecting fences or telescopic posts. A system of registration will not deter cowboys, who will continue to operate outside the law."

The AA is also urging the Home Secretary to introduce wide-ranging curbs. "Last year the courts ruled that clamping on private land is legal in England and Wales but there is still no legislation to regulate the way clampers operate," says Bert Morris, AA public policy manager. "Cow-

oves are gather- boys are free to use threats, intimidation and extortion." Rogue companies, which operate with a couple of vans, mobile phones and no office, persuade those in charge of businesses that they can keep their forecourts clear if they are given authority to clamp

> extortionate demands from the motorists they trap. In the worst case reported to the AA, one member clamped on private land at Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, was asked for a £50 "fine". £80 clamp

> vehicles left on them without

permission. They then make

release fee. £80 administration charge plus E30 storage charge: a total of £240. The AA believes

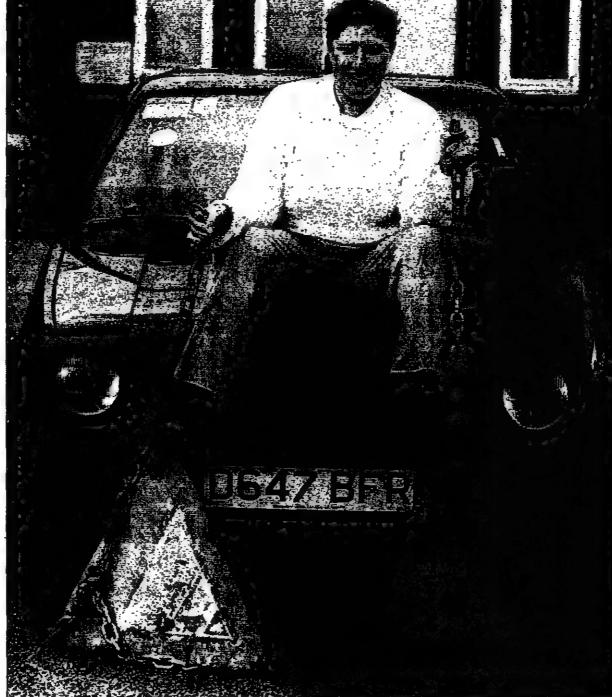
the release fee should be no greater than £38, the amount charged by the Metropolitan Police, which uses clamping to enforce on-street parking regula-tions. Mr Straw is thought to favour a £50 limit while the Association of British Parking En-

forcement Companies, repre-senting the official forcement wheelclampers, would prefer a £60 fine.

The AA also insists that wheelclamping should only be used where landowners have a genuine parking problem, that prominent warning signs should be displayed and that clamping contractors should wear uniforms and carry written authorisation from the

Mrs Le Masson faced demands for a £50 fee, which she did not have on her, and was then asked for her leather jacker or gold rings after leaving her Volkswagen Golf in a private car park for five minutes to pay a gas bill. When she refused, the clampers called a tow truck and warned she would be

ORIGINAL FORD GRANADA.



Sharon Le Masson was arrested after sawing off the clamps on her car rather than pay the fines demanded

charged £80 for the call-out, plus £80 a day storage and the original fine.

She jumped into the car and refused to move until the clampers left. She returned after hiring her own tow truck with a winch and crane to lift the car and transport it to her home. At lam, she used a hired angle grinder to saw off the two heavy duty clamps. Mrs Le Masson was then

arrested and waited for nine months to learn that she would not be prosecuted but still faced the threat of a private action from the clamp-

ing company.

She says, "I wanted to encourage others to stand up to the clampers and I am looking forward to new laws that will give motorists more protection.

Other recent victims have included Jill Crowther, a diahetic who faced a 195 release fee after stopping to buy urgent medication, and Edna Holmes, aged 73, who was clamped while delivering meals on wheels.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Alfa's up, Ford Ka is down

THERE was a time when it seemed Alfa's days were numbered in Britain. Sister company Lancia packed off back to Italy as sales plunged, and Alfa Romeo seemed destined to follow. But a revamped range has transformed the company's fortunes. Now it is taking on new dealers and wants to expand from 84 showrooms to 95 by winter, with its new mid-range 156 sports model due next year.

■ MEANWHILE, Ford is disappointed with sales of its little Ka minicar. Applauded by the pundits and winning awards around Europe for its styling. Ka is taking longer to

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TO MAKE! HE CAR.

convince the public, and Ford MAN IMPORTANT health is holding back production at

warning to women readers: while we, on this deeply Spain. The company now politically incorrect publicaexpects to make around tion, approve of stockings, we 200,000 a year, 40,000 fewer cannot accept responsibility than predicted. for women drivers who are penalised for wearing such garments with an electrical shock. The AA tells us that nylon used in stockings is among the synthetic materials

Declining sales generally in the French car market have not helped Ford, though Automotive News, the American trade newspaper, reports that Germans either love or which can trigger a static loathe the Ka, with sales shock in the car. Its experts running about 10 per cent recommend wearing natural lower than the fibres: woolly tights - not on CAR 97, thank you. expectations.

Give car safety a brake

and start telling drivers how to get from 60mph to 0. The institute of Advanced

Motorists warns that drivers feel so secure in their near noiseless, protected "bubbles". they forget how fast they are driving. Publishing stopping figures, and advising that even cars with anti-lock brakes need operating by drivers who have to concentrate fully, would ensure that mo-

■ IT'S TIME to stop boasting about 0 to 60mph acceleration surviving, says the Institute. surviving, says the Institute.

> **EXAMPLE 19** CARS BELONGING to Mel Blanc, the Warner Brothers' cartoon voice of Bugs Burny and Daffy Duck. among others, are at the famous annual Pebble Beach auction in California on August 17 run by Christie's. Blanc owned a series of Ferraris. including a 1972-365 GTS/4 used by Barbra Streisand in her hit film, A Star is Born.

IDEOCK GUIDE

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or works at the A1010 Fore Street.
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Road between Fromondes
Road and Chatsworth Road.
A24 Morden. Epsom Road
down to one lane southbound.
A1209 Bethnal Green
Road. Long-term roadworks
between Vallance Road
and Cambridge Heath Road.

and Cambridge Heath Road. A312 Faggs Road, Feltham. Carriageway reduced to one lane each way due to long term bridge maintenance at Faggs Bridge, north of Staines Road, between 6am

SOUTH-EAST A4 Padworth, Berkshire.
Temporary lights at junction with A340.
M40 Buckinghamshire.
Long-term roadworks with a

contraflow between junc-tions 1a (M25) and 3 (Wyc-ombe East). A3 Hampshire, Longmoor Junction, Greatharz. Carriage-way reduced to one lane nonthbound between Ham Longmoor, southbound be-tween Griggs Green and

Longmoor. A41 Watford. Eastbound lane closure on North Wester Avenue from Hunton Bridge roundabout to Leavesdon Green Interchange. M2 Rochester, Kent. Road-

works with various lane closures. M40 Oxfordshire. Resurted ing work between Watlington and Oxford, Drivers head ing to junction 8 of the M40 from Oxford are advised to ise the A40 and A418. M25 Surrey, Restrictions and lane closures both ways between Relgate and A3. O SOUTH-WEST A38 Old Sudminster Bridge, Bedminster. Major roadworks with lane clo-

roundabout. M5 Bristol. Committee across Avonmouth Bridge with A30 Cambome bypass, Corrwall. Lane closure west-

bound during drainage work. A30 Sowton, Exeter Devon. One lane closed towards Honiton. Roadworks between the Business Park and M5 overbridge. A417 Malsemore Bridge, Gloucestershire. Temporary lights during bridge work. MIDLANDS AND A1 between Alconbury Hill and Alwalton, Cambridgeshire. Construction work with lane closures, contraflow and

A52 Beeston, Nottingham-shire. Major roadworks on Derby Road, Expect delays between Sherwin Arms and Priory roundabouts. M54 Shropshire. Contraflow with westbound traffic on the shoulder. Eastbound on to lanes 1 and 2

of westbound carriageway. A50 Stoke on Trent major roadworks in the Melr area at junction with A520. M6 junction 6 Birminghern Long-term readworks. North-bound entry slip to M6 closed at Selford Circus, Di-versions in place.

O NORTH A38 South Normanton. Derbyshire. Major Roadworks A580 East Larics Road, Lowton, Greater Manchester. Reduced to one lane westbound near Church Lane. MG5 between Blackburn and Accrington. Contraflow with westbound entry slip road at junction 7 down to a

single lane. MS3 Birkenhead, Carriageway reduced to one lane both ways on Moreton spur.

A19 between Thomaby-on-Tees and Billingham, Cleveland. Major roadworks with two lanes each, way and M1 West Yorkshire, junc-

tions 43 to 42 Stourton to Losthouse junction. Contrastow and 50mph speed WALES

A484 Cermarthenshire, Maor roadworks on Francis Well in Tenerdy.

A470 Conwy. Temporary lights at Dolwyddelan for improvement work at Bod

A449 Monmouthsire, Long delays between Usk junction and the M4 junction 24 at Newport with major roadworks in place. A483 Powys. Temporary lights on Park Road, Builth

A472 Torisen, Contrallow at Pontypool. A485 Camaerthenshire Temporary lights at Duar Ville, Llanybyther.

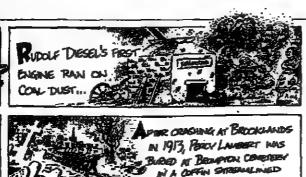
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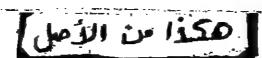
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M9 between Keir roundabout and Craigforth, Stirling. Contradow.





AUTOFAX by Les Evans and David Long





Morag Preston expected a hell of a drive with rally champ Juha Kankkunen. But Lady Luck intervened

Falling flat with the flying Finn

had invited me to Cum-1 bria for a bone ratthing most successful rally thriver in the history of the sport. On a flying visit from Finland to test Car Juha Kankkunen had

agreed to take me for a drive. This is the hero who has won four world championships. He has 21 world rally certain fondness for the accelerator. Having entered the championship halfway through this year to replace German Armin Schwarz. Kankkonen has had a mixed

driver's seat, he was forced to lems, but then came second in the Acropolis Rally. With the Kankkunen (whose name in Finnish means hangover) had been flown to Cockermouth for two days' intensive testing. For the first time he will be driving with a new £32,000 gearbox and an electronic dashboard.

Whisked to Lowther Forest silence. The £250,000 car, which can go from 0-60mph in stilts under a blue tarpaulin.

It was being picked over by mechanics from every angle. A head gasket had blown, and Kankkunen had sought refuge in a shabby trailer nearby. He had come to Cumbria expecting to cover at least 200 miles a day, starting at 9am. And here he was, the flying Flnn, nursing a cup of instant coffee. This is the reality of rally driving; the dull routine behind the glamour and adrenalin.

Only the day before, Kankkunen had been tearing along the test track at speeds of up to 140mph, when bits of . suspension started to drop off and the car's electronic dash-

ation as one of the more laid-



Sadly, pootling down a dirt track at 40mph with a sullen champion at the wheel of a Ford Galaxy is nothing like thundering along in a Ford Escort Rally car

prized all-rounder keeps cool. Now is when you want things to go wrong, he adds, not in the middle of a raily.

The son of a former Finnish rally champion, he learnt to drive on a tractor on his family's farm. He also tried motor racing but was not impressed: "Going out there, you see the same thing, round and round again. In rallying,

go by. It gives a living for my family and I just love it." The millionaire made his

rally debut in 1978 in a Ford Escort RS2000. His breakthrough came in 1983 when he finished sixth on Finland's 1,000 Lakes Rally: Less than two years later, he won his first world rally on perhaps Kenya Safari. In 1986, he took

At home, Kankkunen likes

HONDA CR-V

powering two-wheel

drive that switches to

4x4 when conditions

0-62mph, 12.5 secs

(auto), 10.5 secs (man). Economy: Combined

Equipment: Picnic

Price: £16,995 to

table, sunroof, shower, and cycle hoist.

45-year-olds it is aimed at may be questionable -- some folk

do seem to love the sound of

27.7mpg (auto). 28.3mpg

dictate.

After just three outings in

1996. Kankkunen has re-

turned to the World Champ-

ionship with Ford, along with

his flambovant former team-

mate Carloz Sainz, But while

Sainz mixes in Spanish Royal

circles, Kankkunen lives in a

cottage in Finland with his

wife Pirjo, a three-times cham-

drive one of his cars la 1918 Model T Ford, 1928 Model A Ford, four old rally cars, and two old Lotus Cortinas that belonged to his father).

This has been a busy year for his mechanics. Malcolm Wilson Motorsport was only awarded the contract to run Team Ford Repsol's campaign two months before the Monte Carlo Rally. Run by the for-

Wilson, MWM has hardly had a pitstop since. Says Wilson of

supension and the malfunctioning electronic dashboard. You are bound to get these problems in the early stages. These sorts of things are part and parcel of the sport."

So, I must have come at a bad time then. A call goes out that the car needs to go back to

mechanics leap into action, and everything is packed away before I even get to perch on the passenger seat.

while in High

Downhearted at having missed a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I ask if there is another car in which the blond-haired bullet can take me for a spin.

Ford Galaxy bowls up with a

faster than it is meant to go over bad roads What else he could have done wheel. We drive down a dirt

Lives: Laukaa, Finland Marital Status: Married, one

First raily: 1978 First World Raily: 1979

Breakthrough: 1983 Finland's

Number of World Rallies: 108 World Rally wins: 21

World Champion: 1986, 1987,

Favourite Old Car: Buggatti

Favourite Racing Car: Imsa

Favourite Rally Car: 205 T16

Favourite Formula One Car:

On explaining his sport to an

alien: I get paid to drive a car

1,000 Lakes. Finished sixth

Finland's 1.000 Lakes.

1991, 1993

Porsche

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track. My now monosyllabic driver starts to tell me about the traction, but we both know that 40mph in a family car is just not the same. We head back to the garage

and Kankkunen disappears on to the golf course. Speaking hear the inevitable news: "Yes, today's testing went well, and

Good, clean fun: guaranteed

Honda's new

automatic

off-roader even

has a shower unit, Eve-Ann

Prentice says

Tonda's latest car had a damp start in life I this week it was more a case of taking the driving rain than the driving reins when Honda unveiled a four-wheel-drive vehicle with a difference in the sodden

Austrian Alps.
For the CR-V — Compact Recreational Vehicle - is a car that knows its own mind; it senses when the going gets rough and automatically shifts from two to four-wheel drive.

An automatic-transmission version was launched in Europe last month, and this week Honda had intended to show off its new manual stablemate on a glacier in the Tyrol. But the downpour fell as snow on the Alpine peaks. and the glacier drive was

The only thing that seemed fit to be launched amid the deluge, which devastated parts of central and eastern Europe, was a boat.

Paradoxically, the sun broke through for the first time in days as we set out in a convoy of CR-Vs for a drive through the mountains round Bad Ischl, south west of Salzburg. This is the spectacular mountain scenery that formed the backdrop to The Sound of Music, and it was an apt. setting for the new Honda. With visions of Julie Andrews

leaping over the nearest hum-mock, I found myself pondertouches such as a picnic table and an optional shower-unit for cleaning mud-spattered wellies or keeping sand-dusted feet fresh. Julie Andrews and the CR-V have one key thing in common - both promise good, clean fun.

The CR-V can also be fitted with an automatic bicycle hoist for those who want to advertise their real or imag-



CR-V features an automatic bike hoist, though operating the equipment is enercise enough



Optional shower unit means goodbye to muddy tyres

tried to use it, more energy may be expended on manipulating this device than in pedal-pushing.

But the car's main aim in life is to combine all the comfort of a saloon with the dexterity of a four-wheel-drive, with the big bonus of shifting to off-road conditions automatically. Since there was no opportu-

nity to test its off-road capabilities, I can only say that it took to the ups and downs of Tyrolean roads like a good un. Power steering, loads of leg room, double wishbone suspension and an extremely ined healthy lifestyle with a comfortable driving seat make mountain bike sprung aloft. it a relaxing car to drive. A drive without the driver need-Though to watch those who quiet 2-litre engine and excel-ing to twiddle knobs or levers. amount, or even a touch less.

lent road-holding also make it

to go on sale in Britain in November or December this year, also has a flat, uncluttered floor and is low enough to enable you to enter and exit without having to clamber

onetheless, the vehicle has good ground clearance and a tight turning circle, courtesy of large inner wheel arches. But what Honda is proudest of is the CR-V's ability to

It does this via a hydraulic reassuringly stable.
The CR-V, which is expected torque-split system which sends power to the rear wheels only when it senses that the front wheels have begun to lose traction. The car is notably quiet, though whether this will be an attraction to the sporty 25 to

their own engines.
The CR-V automatic is priced at £16,995, up to £17,995 with extras such as alloy wheels, air conditioning, the 'shower unit and CD upgrade. switch from two to four-wheel The manual version is expected to go on sale for the same

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5	Formula Uno	P Tabone	6520
6	The Tigglers	"Mr R"	8514
6	Scuderia Vincitore	S Lorenti	6514
6	Cathy's Clowns	Mrs C Robinson	6514
6	Bezzotti Racing	A Scott	6514
6	F1 Erb	S Erhorn	6514
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First check the finance deals on wheels

The right package could save you hundreds, says Rupert Saunders

ew-car buyers heading for the showrooms this August are likely to be more confused by the finance available than the array of cars on display.

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Industry_research shows that most private buyers will spend several weeks shopping around for the right car and then take the first finance package on offer.

It need not be like this. A little bit of research and a few minutes haggling over fi-nance rates could save you several hundred pounds. Despite all the fancy names.

there are still only four basic methods of acquiring the use of a car. If you like traditional methods, you can buy one with cash leither your own money or cash borrowed from a bank or building society) or you can buy one over time

with a hire-purchase scheme.
If you take a more flexible view of loans, you can take out a deserred payment contract lan (see explanation of PCPs, right panel) or you can aragreement, called a lease plan.

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Whichever finance method on chouse, make sure you know a good interest rate. when you see it. The best unsecured loan rates at the moment are around 12.7 per cent to 14.8 per cent APR (annualised percentage rate). depending on how much you

Unsecured rates should be fixed over the loan period. Beware of dealers who quote a "flat rate" at you. The APR is a true measure of what you will actually be paying and is roughly twice the flat rate. By law they must give you a. written APR quote.

The best rates for new cars on hire purchase or PCP are nearly always available from franchised car dealers. The motor manufacturers often to shift their stock. There are also good deals from cars-byphone companies, such as Swan National's CarChoice.

The best deals available through August include most Renault models, at 7.3 per cent to 9.9 per cent, and most Fiat models, at 3.8 per cent to 8 per cent. There are low cost PCP rates in the 9 per cent to 12 per cent range from Ford, Rover and Nissan Citroën and Vauxhall have

taken a slightly different route, by offering cash back against deposit payments. Look for offers between E500 and £1,000 depending on the model. For real style, what about a Jaguar XI6 on PCP at 9.9 per cent APR?

Used car finance from dealers tends to cost more (around 18 per cent) and you will probably save money by bor-rowing from banks or build-

The Alliance & Leicester has just launched a car loan scheme, called Car Purchase Plan, which looks good for used cars. Structured like a PCP, it makes an allowance for the value of the car at the end of the term and offers lower monthly accordingly.

The Alliance & Leicester claims that the loan means buyers are not locked into buying cars from one manufacturer or dealer, but in truth, competition between car dealers is so fierce that getting one to buy you out of a rival's loan deal is not a problem.

The real advantage of the Alliance's Car Purchase Plan is its low rates, which start at 12.7 per cent and match those of an unsecured loan.

Pre-budget scare stories about government plans to tax company car drivers more heavily may be enough to subsidise these rates in order about taking the offer of a cash



Every major carmaker has a personal contract purchase scheme, such as Ford's Options: Emma Pearce was its 250,000th customer

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WHAT IS PC PLAN?

Balancing act for your car repayments

PERSONAL Contract Purchase schemes (PCPs) are best known by their trade names, such as Ford Options, Vauxhall Choices or Rover Select. Every major car manufacturer and most independent finance companies have now introduced one.

■ PCPS WERE developed from similar schemes that have operated for several years in the fleet-car market. In effect, they are used to reduce the cost of the monthly repayments because they assume that you are going to resell your car after two or three years. They take into account the future resale value of the car when structuring the

■ WITH A PCP you defer part of the repayment for the car until the end of the finance agreement. If the deal has been structured correctly. when that time comes, you can trade the car in and use the money raised to make the final repayment. plus start a new finance plan.

■ THIS SYSTEM of "rolling debt" works only if the deferred final payment owing is less than the value of the car. Hence the payment is often referred to as a Minimum Final Value (MFV). Getting a PCP to work for you is a balancing act.

GO FOR a low final payment, and you will pay more each month but have more money available to buy your next car at the end. Go for a hìgh final payment if you want lower monthly outgoings, but watch out when it comes to funding your next car.

■ SINCE FORD launched the PCP concept with Options in 1992, this form of car funding has grown increasingly popular. Emma increasingly popular. Emma Pearce was the 250,000th Options customer, recently trading in her Ford Fiesta for a Ka.

Make a clean getaway by sprucing your car for part-exchange

CAR BUYERS seeking a good your old car to its replacement, deal can help themselves best not by reports CAP Black Book. scouring the car ads pages or baggling like a demon with the car salesman, but by sprucing up the car they are about to part exchange. While sellers make sure their

houses are at their tidiest when visited by prospective buyers, few drivers take similar steps to maximise the value of their car, writes Vaughan Freeman.

Following a few simple rules can make a huge difference in how much it will cost you to change from

alternative from your employ-

er. Doing the costings is a

complex calculation but per-

sonal leasing, where a finance company handles all the run-

ning costs, is almost certainly

Acumen, while most contract-

Ford has a scheme called

believe that dealers are hard-nosed professionals who can see past dirt, scratched paint and torn seats and instantly see what a car is truly worth.

But CAP operations director Andrew Wilkinson says dealers need to sell on the cars they take as partexchanges as quickly as possible to raise cash to buy fresh stock. Any part-exchange a dealer takes that is dirty or unprepared has to have

National, have divisions which can offer specialist

Even in August, car dealers are in a highly competitive

business. Let the salesman

know that you are prepared to

shop around. If he can't match

advice.

time and money spent on tidying before it can go to auction with any

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chance of attracting bids.
Wilkinson says: "If all goes well and the forecasts are correct, then August should see dealers selling near-record numbers of R-registered new cars, and struggling to

stay affoat amid a sea of used partexchanges. Tens of thousands of the cars they will take as part exchange will auction."

You can also boost part-exchange

values by bringing along a sheaf of documentation that includes the V55 registration document, current MoT certificates and, especially if the car is an executive saloon, a full service history.
Also, says Wilkinson, be realistic.

You might have proposed to your wife in the rusting, worn-out saloon

will not be able to sell off their sentimental value does little to forecourts. Yet they have to be raise its value in the eyes of a buyer. Wilkinson says: "There is no point day-dreaming and wasting everybody's time, including your own, by describing the car as 'Immaculate' if it is abundantly clear to everybody that it simply is not.

"Motorists who offer their cars with an honest description, and with the appropriate paperwork clearly presented, will be the first to get their money and be able to

the sort of interest rates quoted hire companies, including Lex Daihatsu's new three-cylinder Cuore is a rattling good alternative, reports Ian Morton

ROADTEST

THERE IS one very good way to cover possible public resistance to unusual styling - make your quirky car also available with a more conventional appearance.

That is what Daihatsu is doing. You find the just-launched Daihatsu Move a funny little thing too singular to contemplate? The Cuore, which has joined it in the firm's line-up, is 65 per cent the same car, including chassis and engine, but it looks less like a kiddycar with attitude and will be cheaper.

If you're thinking of buying at the lower end of the price spectrum now that R-registration day is upon us, it is one of whole range of newcomers from the Japanese maker.
At £6,500, the three-door-

Cuore will become the least expensive Japanese car in. Britain. The five-door with extra kit, called the Cuores. will cost £7,200, the same price. as the Move.

Within a couple of months two further keenly priced Daihatsu models will arrive. for this is war. We may expect a good dozen

new small contenders by the turn of the millennium, when the UK market for cheap and compact cars - currently around 15,000 - is likely to have grown to around 100,000 a year. Daihatsu intends 30,000 of them to carry its

Flying D badge. Is this a lot of noise from an upstart tiddler of a manufacturer? No tiddler, this. The fact is that Daihatsu already makes 800,000 cars a year, is Japan's sixth biggest carmaker, and being one third owned by Toyota, it is effectively



Sensible

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DAIHATSU CUORE

Engine: 847cc, 42bhp three-cylinder.

Performance: 0-60mph, 15 secs; max 85mph

Transmission: five-speed manual.

Toyota's small-car division. If you think Move and Cuore are intended to be mere roarketing curiosities, think again. And if the average British

car buyer has yet to make the culture hop from four cylinders to three, that process is deemed to be already under way - Europe's first new tripot production engine for decades is available from this summer, powering the Vaux-

THE CUORE readily admits its mechanical character. That soaring whine of cogs and wheezy exhaust beliow as the revs trudge towards from an engine one tube short of a fourpack. But 847cc and 42bhp are sufficient to reach 60mph in about 15 seconds. and an eventual \$5mph.

The little unit hauls happily in fifth from 1,500rpm, about 17mph, and scuds along at 70mph for 3,100rpm to help return an out-of-town fuel figure of 64.2mpg.

cross-country pace can be

maintained, since the wheels

the car skates merrily through drive models. In confident hands, a good

the wet ones in the manner of all good small front-wheel-But noise and movement

Economy: urban 41.5mpg, extra-urban 64.2mpg. Equipment: driver's airbag, engine immobiliser, headlamp levelling, heated rear screen with wash/wipe, rev counter. Price: Cuore £6,500 (Cuore+ £7,200). stay rooted to the Tarmac rific drone on the motorway, the bustle of airflow and the

through the dry bends, and busyness that the suspension makes of each and every bump conspire to keep the drive lively.

Add a measure of body are never absent. While the shrug and bounce and the engine settles down to a soposusceptibility of sections of

panel and bits of trim to sizzle in brief sympathy with engine resonance, and there is something going on all the time. It is typical of lightly constructed cars, though not of all small vehicles - the modern Mini feels like a little tank compared with this newcomer. There again, the Mini (near-

ly £2,500 more than the threedoor Cuore) does not begin to compete on ergonomics or space. Access to the Daihatsu interior is easy, the style is curvy, the control area layout is small-scale but modern, and while elbows may rub, two adults enjoy plainly generous leg and headroom, and the fold-down rear seats and back area add up to real luggage

So the Cuore achieves quite a lot within its 10ft 10in, which is 10in longer than the Mini. Daihatsu executives dismiss the Mini as "a fashion item," by the way. For all its compact virtues, no one is likely to grant the conventionally styled Cuore that status. The idiosyncratic Move might just attract it, though Daihatsu

can win in the end.

Vehicle Leasing and Swan here, go and buy your car SPARE PARTS NOT ITS good news when the registration



letter changes on August means that three year-old cars. those with an M registration, have to face their fearful first MoT tests, reports Alan Copps.
The MoT test is probably

the most feared garage visit of the motorist's calendar. But in fact it is the only time each year when the motorist can benefit from a thorough, good value for money examination that ensures that their vehicle is in a safe and environmentally acceptable condition," says Hugh Roberts of the Retail Motor Industry Federation.

"Checking your vehicle should not be limited to one day a year but the test continues to play a vital role in reducing pollution levels and keeping our roads safe," Roberts adds.
The MoT includes checks on

brakes, lights, steering, bodywork, tyres, seat belts, windscreen, the structural security and fitting of vital components and on a car's exhaust emissions.



more wordplay than most letters. or perhaps it's just another effect of all those building society wind-falls. But sales of select personal-ised registrations with an R

PERHAPS

lends itself to

prefix are going through the roof, in the words of the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency. In the first 15 days of sales they raised £6 million. bringing the total revenue since the select scheme was launched in 1989 to more than £250 million. Sales of R marks are 73 per cent higher than

last year's P plates. Prices for the R plate of your choice start at £399, although the most soughtafter are held back for auction. Further information from 01792 773366.



the front-wheel drive, front-engined Favorit which first sold as a flee-door hatchback. The five-door estate followed three years later. Powered by Skoda's rally-proven 1.3-litre 62bhp petrol engine, the Favorit began the manufacturer's lengthy campaign it is now part of the Volks kill the jokes and reshape the blighted Skoda image.



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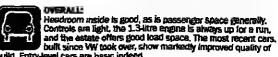


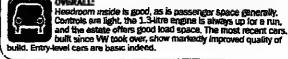




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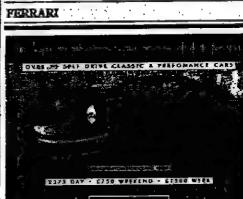
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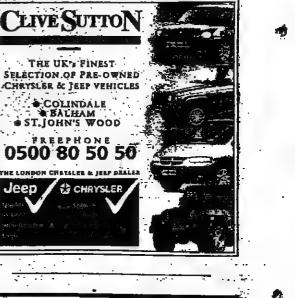
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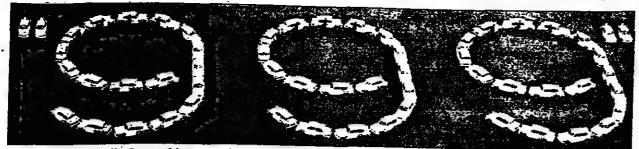
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Ray Hearn on buying stigmatised police bargains



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used car from a driver like this? A man who exceeds speed limits, often during rush hours in busy city streets, and orders other road users to "get

Out of the way".

The vehicles might have been involved in ambushes, robberies, or used to stop other cars, with, sometimes, unfortunate results.

They have had heavy wear on tyres, gears, clutches, brakes, and just about everything else. And this motorist might have had more than regular contact with undesirable characters

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Don't you trust the police?
Like most large organisations, Britain's police forces renew their fleets of motor vehicles regularly, and there are a lot of them. As our pictures recall the Panda car is 30 years old. But how good a buy is one of their second-

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Nearly all such cars pass through auction houses, where surprisingly, despite their history — both real and imagined — they do find eager trade buyers. Indeed many wouldn't buy anything else.

But of course all the marks of their former working life have to go first."It's a fairly simple job," says a Scotland Yard spokesman. "After we take out radios and similar equipment, we then get down to the badges and other markings. What you've got left is a white used car."

A number of firms throughout Britain deal in these vehicles. Mario Emiliou, ownof MJC Motors in Birmingham, takes a fair number from the local force,

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which keeps about 1,200 vehicles on the road.

Police cars are just as good a buy as any other car, and probably better maintained," he says. "The ordinary punter, however, sometimes may not see things this way. Perhaps it has something to do with television series such as The Bill where police chases are often hyped up, and cars get smashed or blown up."

e adds, "Anyone" with that kind of image in their mind might be wary of taking their hardearned cash out of the bank, and buying an ex-police. vehicle."

But according to Emiliou, they would be wrong. They could be turning their back on a bargain. Yes, it just might have been doing a ton the wrong way down a busy high street following a bunch of characters with sawn off

shotguns.
"But it just might have doing nothing more exciting than going round quiet streets late at night."

Alan Hughes, an Oldbury foundry worker, has bought their year and age, they were

cheap, and they're sturdy and they've lasted very well. "My very first second-hand police car was an E-registered Maestro 1300, which I kept for two years. Then I passed that on to my son-in-law. My latest buy, is another Maestro 1300, I registration.

"I've paid around £2,000 for each of them, and I think that is a very good buy indeed." The police put a reconditioned engine imo his latest vehicle after 90,000 miles.

"I know what other motorists might think. It might have been involved in something nasty, then again perhaps not. But from my point of view I've got a bargain buy, with a more or less new engine, the bodywork is in superb condition, and it is going to last me two to three years.

"For a similar car to mine, many garages will be asking between £4,000 and £4,500, so I've saved a couple of grand at And when Alan comes to

choose his next car, it will be "an ex-police car again, no

Allan Wilson, of West Bromwich, is another highly

satisfied owner of a former police vehicle. A while ago, he bought a 1992 Astra four-door diesel, for which he paid just

"Two other cars I've owned had also belonged to the police, and I do know my motors, as I used to be trader."

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out on the Astra so far is the princely sum of £1.50, and that was for a rocker cover gasket." Wilson plans to keep this car for three or four years and would have no qualms in taking on a similar car in

lor anyone wondering about how to spot a former police car on sale. Emiliou has a few tips: "Many dealers don't like admitting that they are selling something like this, because they think - quite wrongly in my opinion - that it might put customers off. Again, it's this image problem of bangs and crashes.

"So to get around this, they first put the car in their own name, and then sell it as a private purchase.

"Anyone suspecting anything can remember a few things. First of all, no police cars have sunroofs.

"Also, Take a hard look at the inside roof lining. (It may have traces where signs have been removed) And examine areas where you might find screws removed, whose use is not apparent. (They could have held radios or other equipment).

"I sell quite openly, and don't think there is any need for this kind of thing. But I believe any buyer should know more or less who did



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THAT TRIPLE

that Carol Vorderman omitted from the BBC I series of that name that ends next Wednesday: the Jaguar XKS. For the glamorous presenter with a taste for wierd and wonderful technology also loves the latest in motoring machinery.

She recently traded a much-

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loved XJR saloon in British racing green for a sapphireblue coupé version of Jaguar's much-lauded sportscur. In doing so she was fulfilling not only her own dream but that of Jaguar's marketing men and In the words of Nick

Scheele, Jaguar's chairman. just before the XK8 was launched: "The car will be particularly attractive to professional women who are out to make a statement. Women don't buy cars because they are a pretty pastel shade. They buy cars because they deliver what they want, and right from day one on the XK8 project we have had a number of women on the ream."

But hold on a moment, isn't this the same car hailed as a spiritual successor to the E-Type" — that ultimate phallic symbol of recent motoring history? If you're male and old enough to remember the E-Type there's poinced to explain. the difficulty of squaring that heritage with "a car designed for women by women".

Nevertheless. Jaguar predicted that up to a quarter of all XR8s would be bought by women, and in the nine months that the car has been on sale that prediction has been borne out: 15,000 cars

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Engine: 4-litre, 290bhp V8, through 5speed electronic auto. Performance: 0-60mph, 6.4 secs; max 150mph. Economy: Urban 15.7mpg, extra-urban 31.Impg. Equipment: Anti-lock brakes, traction control, twin airbags. Price: E47,950 (E54.950

convertible).

have been sold, and in North America 30 per cent of buyers are women. So having driven a convertible test car (sapphire blue as it happens) in a hurry from London to the Midlands and satisfied myself that the E-Type claim was justified, [asked Vorderman, is it really a woman's car 📆

"I just love the way it suits my job. I've had it since April and covered 7,000 miles. i have to drive an awful lot and f want to go in something that allows me to arrive not feeling

"I felt I was getting to the point that if I didn't get a sportscar now I would never get one. I liked the XJR, but the XK8 is a beautiful drive, a very different drive. It's much livelier but at the same time I feel very safe. My five-year-old daughter loves going in it.
"You get an awful lot of

admiring glances, but in an appreciative sort of way. The looks are for the right reasons, they don't say 'flash bugger'. The car looks too classy for

that. It goes like a dream. I love the feeling when the engine kicks in. At the same time it's very quiet and very easy to drive. I think that's something that appeals to a lot of women.

"It's not an enormous car. I think women generally prefer to drive smaller cars, perhaps because they're that much easier to park, but that's only one bit of it. Patrick, my husband, and I have always shared a car and he likes to drive it just as much."

Vorderman's accolade justifies much of the research that Jaguar put into the car's interior as well as its shape. Women executives drove thousands of test miles to make sure there were no nail-breaking switches, tights-snagging levers or skirt-hitching doorsills. But does that matter to a man in whose teenage dreams E-Types loomed large?

ot a bit. The interior may be all smooth shapes and leather, everything works electronically, there's none of the raw edge that made the E-Type a legend on the track as well as the road. The V8 engine is silky and the noise is subdued, only under extreme provocation does it build into an impressive roar.

But it delivers close to 300bhp and although Jaguar no longer provides a manual box, the automatic comes with the company's J-gate, which works as a clutchless change. So if you find a quiet bit of road and want to prove its agility, the results can be just as thrilling as the motorway





Jaguar's design team worked hard to ensure the XK8's interior was built to suit women like Vorderman, so the "spiritual successor to the E-Type" is relatively small and therefore happily suits female driving preferences

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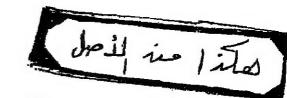
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You need never be lost again: Stuart Bladon reviews the new generation of navigational aids

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hile it doesn't seem to get cited in divorce cases, incar map-reading arguments surely play a significant part in marital breakdowns. The scenario of one spouse trying to find the way, while the driver gets more and more furious at the incompetence of the partner holding the map upside down, is all

For such couples, help is at hand in the form of the on-board navigation aid. Matrimonial peace might seem cheap at the typical £1.500-£2.000 that

such equipment costs. Business users driving alone and having to visit clients in unfamiliar territory will also find these devices a

Philips and Blaupunkt are the main players at present, since their in-car navigators have been selected by several car manufactures for installation as an equipment option. They have attracted rivals, notably Alpine. the makers of top level hi-fi units for cars, and the Italian car-component giant, Magneti Marelli.

They all have common features such as the use of a display screen backed up by spoken instructions telling the driver which way to go; and they all use the American global

positioning satellite system, to locate the car on the digital map. It's not like asking the local yokel the way and being told. "Well, oi wouldna' started

from here anyways."

To see which came out best, we subjected all of them to the same test route, starting north of the capital on the M25 and driving across London. Each of the four systems chose a different route. Some of them might have planned a different itinerary if "quickest" rather than "shortest" had been requested.

Philips CARIN, tried in a BMW 25tds, made a good choice of route, but spoilt it by frequently giving instructions too late, and its screen display was not as informative as some of the others. Strong point of the CARIN system was the speed at which it revised the route if a mistake was made - and mistakes were made three times due to misunderstandings. The test driver chosen was not too familiar with navigating in

A Mercedes-Benz CISO was used to assess the Blaupunkt TravelPilot, and although the screen was mounted low down on the console, the big white-onblue display proved easier to read. An Audi A8 was then tried, which had the TravelPilot display ideally located

between the speedo and rev counter. and this proved very easy to follow. But TravelPilot's choice of route was not too good, taking the driver through heavy central London traffic instead of making use of the North Circular Road on the test journey from South Mimms services to a destination in Merton.

Both versions of the TravelPilot took the cars through the one-way complex at Hammersmith Broadway. and made a mess of it due to wrong programming of the one-way scheme. The CARIN system also went adrift, on to the North Circular Road. Such mistakes will be made less often as the digital maps are updated and new discs issued or sold to users.

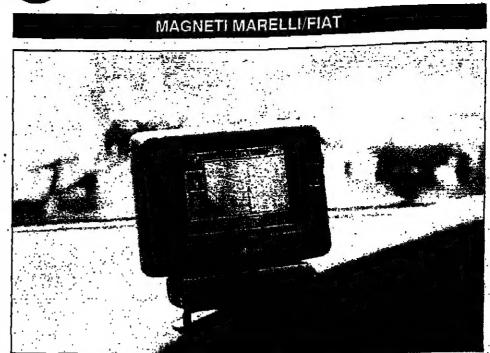
he Alpine and Magneti Marelli systems both use map information supplied by NavTech, which proved more accurate and up-to-date, and the display also proved excellent to follow. The screen shows a large-scale coloured map with pointer indicating the car's location. As the car progresses, so the map moves down the screen, so that the location arrow is always near the centre. Map orientation can be selected to give north at the top or, as most would prefer, with

the direction always upwards so that left and right turns are as they

Following the Magneti Marelli on a country road, just a quick glance at the screen was sufficient to reveal not only which way the next corner went. but also how tight it was. At each major junction such as a complex roundabout, the display changes to show a plan of the intersection, with a purple line to illustrate the route to be followed. Verbal instructions are in a clear male voice.

Alpine's similar map display also shows no-entry signs and key road names; but its screen is not quite as clear as that of the Magneti Marelli. and the spoken instructions not as well done. "Turn right," with the Alpine would cause a moment of anxiety before being followed by "a quarter-mile ahead".

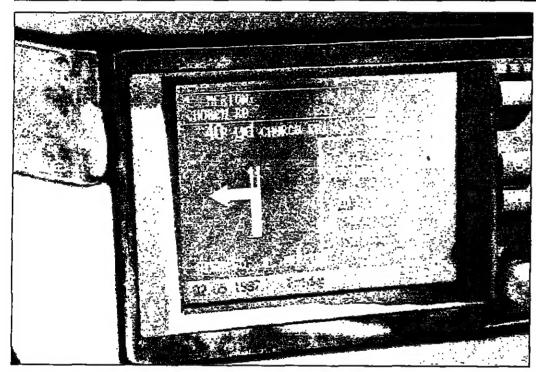
All the navigation aids led the cars satisfactorily to the destination in much the same time and distance typically just over an hour and a half for 26 miles — in spite of the different route selections. If I had to make a choice for my own use, it would be the Magneti Marelli, but none of these systems will disappoint. Prices are set to fall as the devices become increas-



■ MAGNETI MARELLI'S unit is an after-market fitment, costing £1.950, including VAT. CD-Rom disc and an updated disc after six months. It is compatible with MS-DOS so that routes can be printed out if preferred. When following the Magneti Marelii's directions on a country road, just a quick glance at the screen was sufficient to reveal not only which way the next corner went, but also how tight it was. At each major junction such as a complex roundabout, the display changes to show a plan of the intersection and how to tackle it

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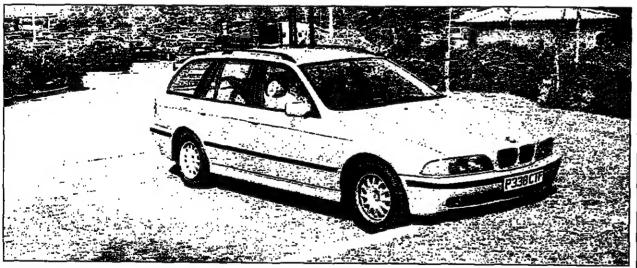
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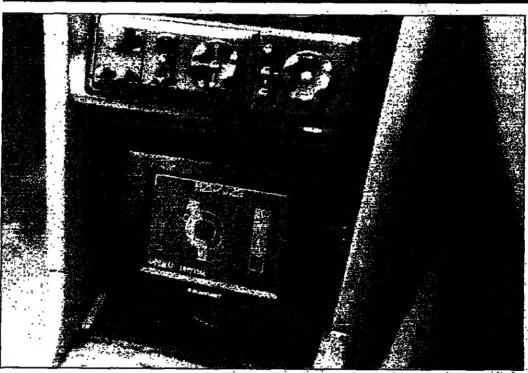


on-board computer, telephone and television for the BMW 5-series at a whopping £4.670; but it is available for the 750i at £1,500 which is also the price for the Vectra and Omega. Fitted in the BMW 525tds, it made a good choice of London route, but spoilt it by frequently giving instructions too late, and its screen display was not as informative as some of the others.

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BLAUPUNKT TravelPilot has won most orders manufacturers to use it as equipment in their cars. It is being offered to car buyers by Audi, Ford. Mercedes-Benz. Porsche, Rolls-Royce and Volkswagen on the Passat. Prices are typically £1,600, but more for the Rolls-Royce and Bentley, where it comes with hi-fi and telephone at £10,350._ Through London, the route chosen was no the best.



HOW IT WORKS

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■ SPEED, time and distance are inter-related. If any two values are known, then the third can be calculated. It is on this basis that the global positioning satellites (GPS) enable the system to identify the car's location.

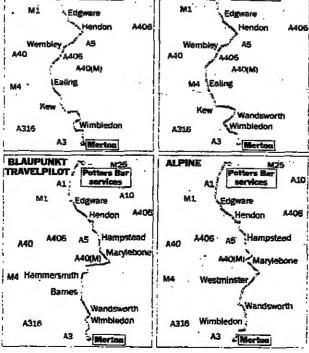
The satellites that are used to provide GPS information were put into orbit by the American Department of Defense. The receiver in the car needs to collect signals from at least three satellites. Each satellite gives its iden-

tity and the start time of its transmission. The receiver then computes the time that each signal has taken to arrive, and thus each satellite's distance away from the 5 car. Three distance readings allow the car's position on Earth to be calculated with great accuracy.

Additional satellite readings increase the accuracy. How ever, because the Department of Defense considered that too great a level of accuracy would represent a security risk, deliberate random errors were introduced into the system. so accuracy is only to about 100 metres. Navigation systems take other information, such as compass readings and wheel rotation to confirm the car's location and direction.

The ultimate success of the system depends on the skill with which the computer programme has been written. The aim is to select the optimum route, based on practicality, likely traffic flow and directness to the

The entire database of street information for the whole of



Great Britain can be stored on a single CD-Rom disc. In addition. the disc gives other information such as location of hotels, service stations or sports centres.

But the system will be by no means limited to this country. There are already digital CD maps covering Australia. Switzerland. Belgium. Luxembourg, and the Netherlands, available at £100 each, including VAT.

As roads are rebuilt, road numbers are changed and other alterations made to the transport network, the CD-Rom disc will become out of date, like conventional paper maps. Updated discs will be

available, typically costing about £50. Most of the navigation systems provide the first updating disc free.

All of the systems featured emphasise the need for the driver to watch the road and not allow their attention to be distracted by the screen display. Navigating oneself with pinpoint accuracy into the back of a bus would be unhelpful.

The clear spoken instruc-tions (in any chosen language) enable the driver to concentrate on the job in hand, and if the screen display is clear and well situated, it can be seen at a glance, just like checking the

THE FUTURE

Navigation systems are very expensive at present, but like car telephones they will become cheaper and may soon be available at £500-£600. They will also get

The next development

will be "intelligent navigation", which chooses the best route in view of the prevailing traffic conditions, varying it where necessary to avoid jams. Daimler-Benz has developed such an aid, called

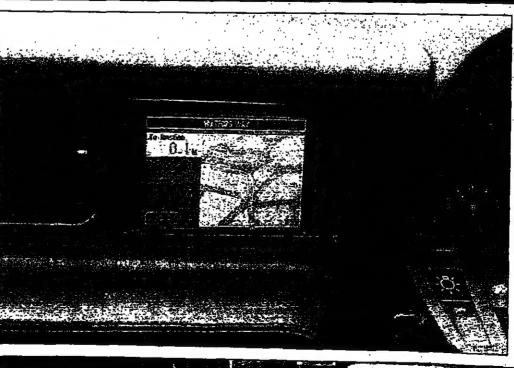
the Intelligent Traffic Guidance System. It is currently operating in Tokyo, where it is expected that 5,000 vehicles will have it by the end of this year. It can be programmed

to show a choice of parking lots, and number of vacant spaces available in each. It would also call out the appropriate emergency service automatically in event of breakdown or accident. It started in Tokyo in April this year, using a network of 14,000 sensors and over 200 closedcircuit TV cameras.

Volkswagen's system, shown on their contribution to the Prometheus research programme in 1994, used a dual-mode navigation system linked to traffic data to redirect cars from congestion.

Eventually, map displays will be replaced by visual pictures of the roads ahead, but this seems a long way in the future and might be less helpful than the clear maps and diagrams that are used by the present

ALPINE NVE-NO55ZP/JAGUAR



unit is the NVE-NOSSZP, available at present only as an after-market fitment for £2,200, including VAT and the first two CD-Rom update discs. The price of fitting should take between two and four hours. It will be available with television from September. The Alpine and Magneti Marelli systems both use map information supplied by NavTech. which proved most

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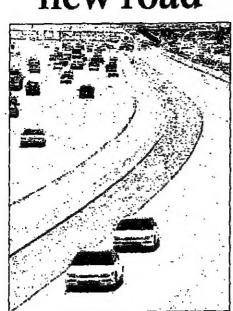
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Mail two days a week.
Director Paul Hillman says.

We have been pushed up on to

the pavement by oncoming traf-

fic. Lots of people don't realise they have to give way to a horse.

A motorist drove into the back of

a carriage from the Royal Mews

Four people at Young's will be made redundant, but the 19

punches and Clydesdales which

regularly compete in country

shows, will remain at the stables

Mr Hardman says: "Shires

weigh up to a ton, and the beer on

a dray weighs about three tons, so a pair of bolting Shires is very

Percherons, Suffolk

The driver yawned, scratched his head and opened the newspaper; the car sped on at a constant 55mph, never deviating from the inside lane of the motorway.

Welcome to the 21st century, when the car will do the thinking, making motorways safer than ever before, Kevin Eason writes.

The first automated highway in the world was opened this week between San Diego and Los Angeles, a road fitted with 92,000 magnets to guide cars without input from the driver. Two Honda Accords demonstrated the system. wafting along just eight feet apart, the distance kept constant by a radar system in each car, the drivers chaming and paying no attention to what was happening on the road.

E able to travel in convoy at speeds up to 100mph in any weather conditions on motorways like this.

The idea seemed the stuff of science fiction until the American project, which Britain is watching closely. Not only would traffic move more safely in an electronic convoy, it could help end congestion, with the speed of traffic constant, computers in each following vehicle constantly monitoring the pace of the vehicle in

The system would be a boon here where there is resistance to building extra lanes on motorways or new highways. Existing motorways could be fitted with the magnets, while the radar technology is already tried and tested and can be fitted without difficulty in models coming off production lines today.

Attacks by motorists are putting an end to draymen's rounds, says Jenny Knight



The end of the dray? Young & Co's Brewery used to send out three pairs of horses each day, but now it makes only one horse-drawn delivery a week

Horse-rage hits London tradition

acceleration of incidents in the last five years. The horses only made short journeys but their average walking pace is 5mph compared to the average London

traffic speed of 11mph. "A bus ran into one, and on and one landed on the bonnet of a car. We had an increase in people sitting in their cars seething at the delay and calling us on their mobile phones. I have been stuck behind the horses but it was never for more than a couple of

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another occasion a pair bolted minutes, because they don't go vast distances before they turn off. I think the traffic in London is now so bad that people can't stand any extra delay or aggravation."

The heavy horses used by Young's are much less skittish

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and temperamental than many other horses. Misdemeanours by the teams have been limited to eating the occasional female li-censed victualler's hat Even when the horses bolted they have always waited at the next delivery point. Young's argument, that public

intolerance at delays has in-creased, is confirmed by the British Horse Society. It has just launched a free video, Horse Sense, advising motorists how to deal with equestrian traffic. When waiting to overtake a horse, the motorist should stay at least a car's length behind; when passing they should stay at least 2ft away from the animal and

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pull smoothly past without any noisy acceleration.

Nichola Gregory, of the British Horse Society, says, "There are 3,000 accidents involving horses on the roads and three people are killed each year. An enormous number of horses die. It is terrifying for the riders. A lot of motorists swear or shout at

"Riders are never on the roads by choice - they are normally only going a short distance to a bridleway or stables. A lot of commuters and newcomers to the countryside drive around bends at 60mph without realising that a horse or tractor might be round that comer."

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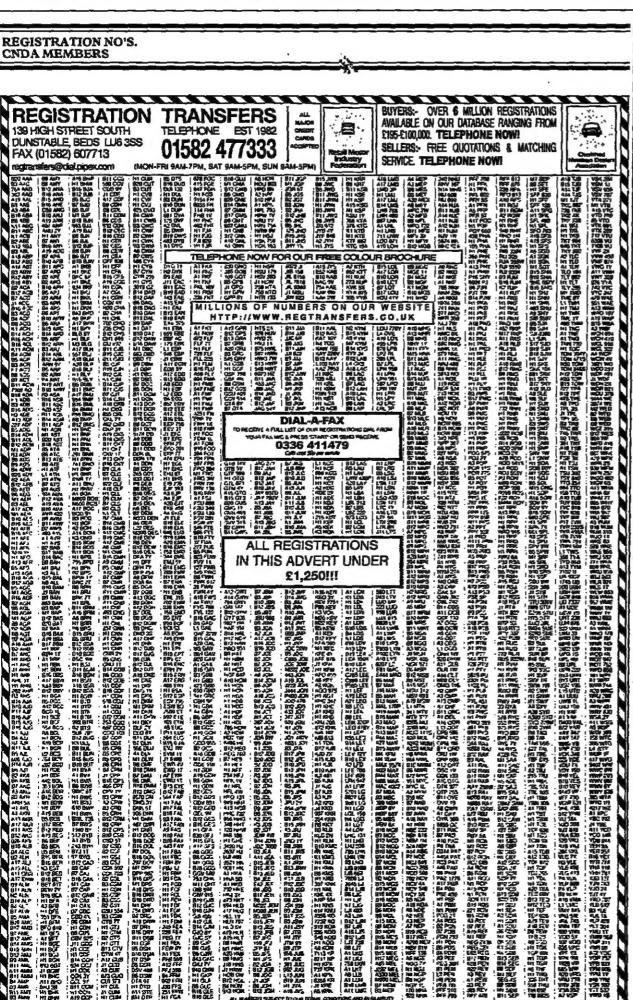
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